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Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Thank you for the telegram informing us that the Rev. Mr. Paul E. Whiteside has accepted the appointment to the Craig-Klawock field and will arrive early in February. Have notified Craig and Klawock and the members of the National Missions Committee.

Have taken it for granted that Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside will make their home in the Klawock Manse, and I suggested to the Clerk of the Session at Klawock that they look over the Manse and let me know whether there is anything needed to prepare for the coming of the Whitesides.

The fare from Seattle to Ketchikan is \$39.00, to Wrangell is \$45.00. 2/3 of that on C P R boat.

The fare from Ketchikan to Klawock by plane is \$15.00.
The fare from Wrangell to Klawock by mail boat is \$8.00.

I have given you those figures in case Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside should be apprehensive as to flying in Alaska. The plane leaves Ketchikan for Klawock on Monday and Friday. The mail boat leaves Wrangell for Klawock on Wednesday morning.

The Whitesides should be certain to have bedding and mattress. The Board has not been furnishing mattresses. They will need to bring along their own cooking utensils, dishes, etc.

They will need warm clothing for this time of the year, and they will need rain coats and rubbers for the rest of the year. He could well have a pair of hip rubber boots. I make it a habit to have two pair, and they often come in handy when one is around with boats.

My hope is that both Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside are strong physically. Their physical strength is a necessity. So many workers have had to give up because of physical ailments which they actually brought with them.

The Alaska Steamship Company cancelled the sailing of their ship this week. Therefore I have not been able to go over to Petersburg for the services planned. My plan now is to go over next week and have special services and administer the Sacraments.

Sincerely,

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Box 275
Wrangell
January 12, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Winter seems to have descended on Alaska. We are in our first spell of snow and ice. There is little snow, but the ice makes walking and driving hazardous. The north wind is blowing and that goes through everything.

One of our church members who is a cannery superintendent and owner in part who is thoroughly familiar with boats was talking with me yesterday about the "Prince of Wales" boat. He said that he had been over to Petersburg where the "Prince of Wales" had her overhaul, and he had made a point of learning all he could about the vessel. His statement is that the hull is in good condition, and that the old 100 h.p. C.O. diesel (Fairbanks, Morse) is serviceable. He did say that it is impossible to use the pilot house control on those old style engines, and that makes an additional man a necessity. He thinks that you would find the "Prince of Wales" a good boat provided you are interested in that large a craft.

He said that he is certain that the boat can be bought for far less than \$12,000. He suggested that he would be surprised if Dr. Dawes refused an offer of \$7,500. In other words if the Board contemplates buying a boat, it would be wise to let an individual do some bargaining, and save a few thousand dollars.

Personally, I cannot see the practicability of the Board investing in a boat such as the "Prince of Wales." The other members of the N. M. Committee have not had time to reply with their response.

January 4th, Rev. J. L. Webster wrote: "The 'Leota', a private yacht belonging to a Juneau man named Bixby, is here (Sitka) on charter by some plumbers working on a new hotel building. It was suggested that I look her over as a possible 'Princeton.' She is for sale at \$7,500, a small fraction of her real value. She is a little smaller than the Princeton, 60x12 and 26 tons, but she has more and much better bunks and a much better galley. She is twin screw with two gas engines, 85 horse each. ~~XXXX~~ Hull of iron bark covered with Port Orford cedar (I am certain he means hull of cedar covered with iron bark), interior all teak"

I know nothing about the "Leota" so will make no comment. Her description interests me. That type of boat seems to me to be more practical for mission work in S. E. Alaska.

Jan 12/40

How are you planning on visiting the mission fields in S. E. Alaska? Do you expect to charter a plane or a boat? Whatever you plan to use could well be arranged ahead of time. There are boats for charter in both Juneau and Ketchikan.

In your general letter you stated that you are expecting to visit all the mission fields except the Artic during the month of March. What part of March are you considering for Alaska Presbytery?

Some photographers who have a very nice 50 foot boat are interested in a charter trip. Their accommodations are good and the boat would be comfortable. They would charter at \$30 a day, and that means they would be including all the operating expenses such as crew and engine operation.

Their boat has a caterpillar diesel engine which they have found dependable, and they cruise at 9 miles per hour. Perhaps you would not care to use their craft on account of their being 7th Day Adventists. They are fine young men and are well acquainted. These young men do not do photographic work on Saturdays, but they said that when their boat is under charter they operate seven days a week. They are going south to give their boat overhaul and make some improvements. I told them that I would write whether you were interested in their craft and the dates you would be in this part in case you are interested in chartering their boat.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Peterson

Jan.
18th
1940

Rev. Mr. Russell F. Pederson,
Box 275,
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

The boat you mention: the "Leota" - sounds like one that we might be interested in. Please make all necessary investigation and give me some definite word.

You are in a better position to advise me about the best means of transportation during my visit in Alaska. I will sail from Seattle on Saturday, the 24th, and arrive in Ketchikan on Monday, the 26th. I suggest that you take my time from Monday, the 26th, through Friday, March 15th, and arrange for me a tentative schedule covering all the points in south-eastern Alaska. In making these arrangements you will also offer suggestions as to means of transportation.

If you will be so kind as to take care of this immediately, I shall appreciate it.

Cordially yours,

EBK:BH

HOONAH; Rev. E. E. Bromley--"For a number of years we had two liquor stores in Hoonah. Conditions were bad. As long as the native people had money they would get the liquor and neglect their children. Drunken fights were always in order over the week end. During the closing days of 1938 we decided we had had enough of that dissipation. We held a mass meeting in the church and started a petition requesting our District Judge not to issue any licenses for 1939. At the meeting the people were strongly in favor of our petition. Following the meeting, I took the petition through the village myself, and was able to get enough names to close up the liquor stores. There has been very little drunkenness during this past year. But the liquor dealers started again this fall with their petition to reopen their stores. So we have also started one in opposition. Last Sunday night after the evening service we presented the petition. Mr. Cordle, the principal of the government school, came and talked to the people about the harmful results of the liquor stores and urged the people to do all they could to keep them closed. Nearly every one present signed the petition. The following evening the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Sisterhood endorsed the petition in their meeting and many of them signed it. It looks now like we were going to succeed in keeping liquor out of the town for another year."

CRAIG-KLAWOCK; Dr. Everett B. King has appointed Rev. Paul E. Whiteside to serve at Craig and Klawock. Mr. Whiteside has accepted the appointment and is expected to arrive early in February. Mr. Whiteside is a graduate of Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee and he graduated from the Presbyterian Seminary in Chicago in 1939. While in college and in seminary he served in several National Missions fields. Mrs. Whiteside is a graduate of Park College and of the Presbyterian School of Nurses in Chicago. Her parents were missionaries to the Quiche Indians of Guatemala under our Board of Foreign Missions.

SKAGWAY; Rev. E. E. Knudsen--"Thanksgiving day services were well attended though we observed a democratic proclamation in the midst of a republican community. The Sunday School had its usual program of drills by the primary while the juniors dramatized the 'Nativity.' One of the pleasant surprises was the offering of \$31.40 which was to go to the Boards of our church. This was the largest Christmas offering for some time..... The Young Peoples' Fellowship were in charge of the Midnight candle-lighting service. We had a fine attendance and a real spirit of worship throughout the service. We also went caroling in the evening to the shut-ins and the sick. And now we look back over another year and recognize the problems and fears for what they were. There is no problem that cannot be overcome if we are minded to work it out. Progress has been slower than we hoped for but there has been progress. Mrs. Knudsen and I are looking forward to another year of service here."

SI KA; Rev. J. L. Webster--Jan 4, "We are leaving in a couple of hours (10 p.m.) for Kake. We plan to stay there through Sunday and to make Angoon Monday, probably home Thursday. I go with a deep prayer that God will give me His power to reach the hearts of the people as I preach and as I talk with them personally. Also that He will give me the wisdom of His Spirit as I face their personal and church problems with them. Frank Price is going as our skipper, Dick Nelson as engineer, Mrs. Wurster and Miss Whitmore as women workers." We plan our school of missions to begin Jan 21st. The Missionary Society gave the church a piano as a Christmas present. We have taken up numerous special collections during the last two months--one for Haines House at Thanksgiving service, one for Bible Society--Dec 10. Foreign Missions at Christmas. The largest was the totem pole offering for the Princeton fund \$38. We are making a canvass of the town, listing people

(Slicka contd) with a little information about them, with the purpose of following up and seeking to interest them in the church and win them for Christ. We are distributing a printed invitation to attend. There are lots of strangers in town, and a small proportion living the Christian life. God has placed before us a 'door open which none can shut.' We are rejoicing in the opportunity and help He is giving us."

"SKYLINES" AND "A TRAIL OF LIGHT" Workers in the following order have requested them: Wheeler, Glasse, Christiansen, Gibson Young, Webster.

Mr. Christiansen forwarded the film to Mr. Young, January 3th.

"HOME MISSIONS AND SOCIAL TRENDS" The Board forwarded copies to me, and I forwarded them as follows: Swogger to pass on to Christiansen--Beck, Webster to pass on to Yaw--Bronley, Wheeler to pass on to Knudsen--Glasse, Swanson to pass on to Davis--Whiteside.

Re. David Waggoner, 170 S. Marengo Ave., Pasadena, California, wrote "Mrs. Waggoner is improving in health slowly. The warm dry sunshine has been beneficial, though we have not been out in it as much as we had planned. We have fire burning most of the day, so we do not feel the chill of the house in which we dwell. It seems so strange to have so much warmth in the outside and the rooms of the homes be so cold.Our Alaska friends and their problems have been in our prayers....Extend to all our greetings."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR-- Beginning January 7th and continuing each Sunday night for 26 weeks at 9:45 you will have the privilege of hearing Homer Rodeheaver and his Gospel singers over:

K M O Tacoma	K O L Seattle
K E L A Centralia	K G A Spokane

Wrangell heard the broadcast, Jan 14. Would be glad to know whether you could pick them up, and over which station. The Washington State Christian Endeavor Union is sponsoring this broadcast.

KETCHIKAN; Rev. D. G. Christiansen--"We are in the midst of the Universal Week of Prayer, holding union services every night this week--five churches cooperating: Assembly of God Mission, Methodist, Presbyterian, St. John's Episcopal, and Salvation Army." (Jan 10) "A Junior Christian Endeavor Society has been formed recently which meets on Saturday nights. These are the older children of our Sunday and Week-day Bible Schools. About 15 have shown interest and officers of this Society will be elected in the near future. Our Sunday evening service on Dec. 31st was in the form of a Watch night service and started at 9:30. The choir sang four times during the evening; new members were received; talks and prayers by the people in the audience (both in English and their native tongue) and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed as the new year arrived. It was a very inspiring service. The girls of the Christian Endeavor came about 8 p.m. and we made sandwiches which we served with cocoa and cookies after the service. Several of our people told us it was the happiest New Year's Eve they had ever spent and we know it was true.....New Year's Day being our 4th wedding anniversary, we invited 14 young people of the church for dinner, some Indian and some white. We brought up a long table ~~extending~~ from the church and put it end to end with our dining room table extending into the living room and it just seated seven on each side and one on each end nicely. We all had such a good time playing games during the evening.....We have some good news for you. When we came here four years ago, there were six saloons within 200 feet of our church. The Territory of Alaska has recently raised the tax a saloon must pay and with the coming of the new year, four of these saloons went out. And they will stay out because after they had opened, a law was passed that no new license could be issued to sell liquor within 200 feet of a school or church."

METLAKATLA; Rev. A. D. Swogger: "The first event of Christmas week was a pageant sponsored by the Sunday School, "Wisemen Worship," directed by Mrs. Swogger, and assisted by our sons, Malcolm and Dallas, Dallas arranging the lighting of the stage.....repeated in the Town Hall. Some expressed the fear that people would not want to see it again; instead the Hall was filled with an appreciative crowd. At 11 o'clock p.m. the Choir started out to sing chorals, stopping at some homes for light refreshments, and finally returning about 5 o'clock A.M. Christmas morning. At 11 o'clock the people were back at the church for the morning service, which was well attended. That evening the choir rendered the cantata, "The Christ is Come," to a large and appreciative audience. On Wednesday evening the Presbyterian Choir from Ketchikan came over and sang their cantata, "That Old Song." Then on Friday evening of the same week, our choir went to Ketchikan and gave the cantata in the Presbyterian Church. Before the evening service we went to the Broadcasting Station, and broadcasted three numbers. Rev. Geo. J. Beek said he thought the Metlakatla choir did the best he had ever heard them do. Sunday night the Annual Watch-night service was held. On the following Wednesday evening Church elections were held. Sunday morning, Jan 7th, Communion Service was held. Two persons were received into the Church on profession.Sacrament administered to ten shut-ins in different homes. At the evening service the newly elected officers of the Church were installed. One newly elected Elder was ordained to his office before the installation....The desire for more music was not fully satisfied during Christmas week, so our choir sent an invitation to the Episcopal Church of Ketchikan to visit here, and render the cantata, "His Natal Day," which took place last evening (Jan 14). I might say by way of explanation, that the Episcopal Church membership is made up of Tsimshians, or the same tribe as our people, and in fact most of them are related in some way to some one in our town, so the occasion was very much like a family gathering. So now we are ready for the New Year, and for WHAT?? Pray for us that our labours may be acceptable to the Great Head of the Church."

HYDABURG; Rev. Verne J. Swanson: "Our opening session of week day Bible school was so well attended we are being forced to divide them into two groups--1st & 2nd grades in the afternoon and other grades in the evening. For our water suppl. have installed 150 gallon capacity inside rain water tanks with plumbing, papered and painted two coats-kitchen, raised and replumbed sink, reinstalled shelving, shingled back porch shelter, etc. Got 15 more sacks of sawdust for insulation. Still fighting rats. Plugged holes in foundation. Dec. 29th had a bad trip to Craig as we were storm bound in Joe's Pass twenty two hours and even in that shelter we rolled all nite dragging anchor. I had to take this small boat or not go at all. Sunday School is being carried on regularly in the church at Craig and a white woman is conducting an evening community sing. Peter Roberts has been conducting a morning service in Klawock since November. The Newtons and I had planned on a joint Watchnite service in our church but their Home League refused so the Newtons had their own. Probably a good thing as we had a full house as they also probably had."

HAINES-Klukwan; Rev. R. H. Wheeler: "Despite very unfavorable weather we had fair attendance for the Christmas service & our Christian Endeavors went caroling for the aged & shut-ins. Miss Lawrence's streptococcus knee infection had us worried for over a week. It is a great relief that she is recovering so satisfactorily. Our New Year's services were quite successful. Forty came to church in Klukwan although it was bitter cold. The Watchnight Lord's Supper was a most reverent occasion and all gained a spiritual blessing to start off 1940 right."

On December 15th the Woman's Club held a Rededication service at Church & invited me to give the address. This was an opportunity for me to preach before some who do not attend church.

We were happy to have Miss Horner return on the 16th in time for all the Christmas festivities. Also we were glad to give the use of the church for the Community Christmas program. The auditorium was jammed with all standing room used 200 being present. On the 29th of December I took Prof. Axel Rasmussen to Klukwan...while we were there Governor & Mrs. E. Gruening, Dr. Dale & Miss Draper visited the village. Prof. Rasmussen took them into several of the homes to see the historic totam poles. We found the party sympathetic, alert & very friendly. Robert Perkins, S J S alumnus, was our dinner host."

Rev.

YUKON PRESBYTERY: Letter from Bert J. Bingle, Palmer, indicates that Yukon Presbytery is busy with arrangements to make the most of the visit of Dr. Everett B. King. Read in the Alaska Legionaire: "Our genial Chaplain, Rev. John E. Youel, left for a brief trip to Anchorage to attend a meeting of Presbytery--Fairbanks Post Notes."

JUNEAU MEMORIAL; Mr. William Youngs--Mr. Youngs reports that he is conducting morning, evening, Sunday School and young people's meetings each Sunday and a hospital service in which he preaches on alternate Sundays. Prayer meeting, Builders of the Trail, Light Bearers, Boys' Class, and Women's Missionary Society are meeting regularly. His report included a money order for \$4.00 for the Board of Foreign Missions."

KAKE AND ANGOON; Mr. Gibson Young and Mr. George R. Betts will be having some good news in the next issue. They have had the pleasure of the visit of the Sitka Mission travelling on the S J S. Know that they have been so busy with their special meetings that they have not gotten around to write up reports and news accounts.

WALTER AND GENEVIEVE SOBOLEFF; Mr. Soboleff's mother tells us that they are having a fine winter and are preparing to come north in the spring. Genevieve has been taking a rest course to build up her strength and resistance. They have written that Genevieve has built up wonderfully.

WRANGELL; Rev. Russell F. Pederson, Wrangell closed the old year with extensive Christmas programs of worship and fellowship. Christmas Sunday morning, the Wrangell Institute Chorus and the combined Episcopal-Presbyterian Choir brought eight special numbers of Seasonal music. We had a musical festival. That evening the Sunday School gave their Christmas tree program with a splendid congregation in attendance. A number of boxes of groceries presented along with the regular offering made a nice picture. The groceries were distributed to families needing food in their Christmas cheer. The money offering was forwarded to the Board of Foreign Missions. The New Year was opened with a Watchnight Service which started a Union observance of the Universal Week of Prayer. The Episcopal, Assembly of God, Salvation Army and Presbyterian Churches united in this week of prayer. The week before Christmas and New Year we had a number of church social gatherings. Two evenings we had boys and girls from Wrangell Institute as our guests. We hope to have the rest of the Presbyterian students to another party in the near future.

The Communion Service held January 7th had between 75 and 80 taking the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and three infants were presented for Baptism.

JANUARY 20, 1940

Russell F. Pederson
National Missions Chairman

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Box 275
Wrangell
January 16, 1940

Dear Dr. King:

NARRATIVE REPORT

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The New Year was opened with a Watchnight Service which started a Union observance of the Universal Week of Prayer. The Episcopal, Assembly of God, Salvation Army and Presbyterian Churches united in this week of prayer. Two of the meetings were held in the Presbyterian Church. We all participated in leadership. We used the program and subjects suggested by Dr. Robert E. Speer.

The week between Christmas and New Year we had a number of church social gatherings. Two evenings we had boys and girls from Wrangell Institute as our guests. We hope to have the rest of the Presbyterian students to another party in the near future.

The Communion Services held January 7th had between 75 and 80 communicants. We were thankful for that testimony. In the same service three infants were presented for Christian baptism: Robert Dewar Campbell, son of one of the owners of the largest store in town, John Kenneth Stensland, son of the owner of the Bakery, and William Eric Johnson, son of one of the newer families which is developing a homesite as a fur farm. It seemed to us that these three families were a nice suggestion of the interest the whites have. Next Sunday we expect to have more children presented for baptism. These will be Indian children.

On account of the difficulty of securing inexpensive transportation I was not able to go to Petersburg to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Travel has been bad for the last two weeks. Boats are apprehensive of the "Stikine." Should say that experienced boatmen are not taking chances. It is dangerous for a small boat to go to Petersburg while the northwind is blowing. The cheapest boat I could charter for the 40 mile trip was \$25.00.

Rev. Mr. Swanson had collected last fall \$15 more than the cost of sewer repair for rental of rooms in the Petersburg Church by the Fishermen's Union. Am sending his check on to you.

Sincerely, *Russell F. Pederson*
Russell F. Pederson

*Return to Swanson
to cover expenses
repairs...*

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Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
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Dear Dr. King:

Herewith you will find an expense voucher submitted by the Rev. Mr. Verne J. Swanson, \$16.00 Special trip to Craig and Klawock.

The National Missions Committee felt that it would be a mistake for us to allow Christmas and New Year Sundays to pass without one of the ministers of the Presbytery to visit Craig and Klawock. We requested Rev. Mr. Swanson to spend December 31st between the two fields.

Mr. Swanson left Hydaburg December 29th and arrived the 30th at Craig. He conducted worship services in both places and besides had a watchnight service at Klawock. He wrote me, "Had a bad trip to Craig as we were storm bound in Joe's Pass twenty two hours and even in that shelter we rolled all nite dragging anchor. I had to take this small boat or not go at all tho I had been warned about the owner's drinking ability. He had promised to return me on Monday the first but after drinking all nite I couldn't get him started. Tuesday the weather was bad. Made it Wednesday."

"Sunday School is being carried on regularly in the church at Craig and a white woman is conducting an evening community sing. The Scott folks will soon be in their own church. Elder Peter Roberts has been conducting a morning service in Klawock since November. The Klawocks seemed especially glad to see me again."

Mr. Swanson added, "Our opening session of week day Bible school was so well attended we are being forced to divide them into two groups--first & second grades in the afternoon and other grades in the evening. Have installed 150 gallon capacity inside rainwater tanks with plumbing, papered & painted two coats in Kitchen, raised & replumbed sink, re-installed shelving, shingled back porch shelter, etc. Got 15^{more} sacks of sawdust for insulation. Still fighting rats. Plugged holes in foundation."

That Hydaburg manse needed and likely yet needs much material and labor to be put in good condition. Swansons seem to be working.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

*His list attached
calls for 289 more
shells for here available
in 7.00. Please. Will
request balance as
soon as meeting day
pleas whether as necessary
for reference to this
manse.*

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Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Am enclosing herewith the "Bits of News From and For Alaska" which is the news I have been sending to the Presbyters. Thought you might be interested in knowing how we are trying to keep all the members of Presbytery informed and participating in prayer for other fields.

When Rev. and Mrs. Whiteside arrive in Klawock they will find a real welcome. Had a nice letter from the Clerk of the Session, Mr. Peter Roberts. He said that the Elders looked into the manse and things seem to be O. K.

He did add that there is no fuel oil. I think you had better authorize me to instruct a delivery of stove oil so that the manse may be heated a few days before Whitesides arrive. 50 gallons of stove oil will cost about \$5.00.

There will be a number of items to repair, and I believe you should authorize Mr. Whiteside to go ahead and make necessary repairs without waiting for Board authorization up to the amount of \$100. This is a hard time of the year to arrive on a field in Alaska. If they are real missionaries, and we have hopes they are, they will make out without too much trouble.

I have written to Rev. Mr. Glasse the suggestion of one of the N. M. Committee members, that we endeavor to charter the "Prince of Wales" for the Presbytery trip. Then the members of Presbytery could know for certain whether to recommend the purchase of that boat, and you could make a personal inspection. I am afraid that the owner will ask more than we can secure as a grant from the Board for assistance with Presbytery transportation.

Sincerely,

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156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

BOAT "PRINCE OF WALES"

Rev. E. E. Bromley writes, "I question very much the wisdom of putting twelve thousand dollars into the old Prince of Wales. But to be sure that we not turn down a good bargain I would like to propose that you take up with Mr. Dawes the possibility of using the Prince of Wales for the Presbytery trip to Haines. Then everyone would get to see the boat and its use would tend to prove or disprove the wisdom of buying the boat."

Rev. Jackson L. Webster wrote: "Yaw and Price agree that "Prince of Wales" is too big for our purposes as well as other objections. We are thinking though that it would be wise to hunt carefully for a used boat before undertaking to build."

Some good boatmen have told me this week that what you save in purchasing a used boat you will spend twice over in repairs and overhaul. Besides you are not likely to locate a boat with a good dependable engine, diesel.

Have written to Mr. Glasse asking him to enquire possibility and price of chartering the "Prince of Wales."

MOTION PICTURES;

This winter the Presbytery of Alaska has had available two films: "A Trail of Light"
"Skylines".

The previous winter we made use of the following:

"Hearthstones and Altars"
"The Road to Oregon"
"Where East and West Meet"
"Beneath the Arctic Circle"
"Our Church in Our Day"

Last year we asked for but did not receive any of the following films: "Behind the Scenes in Chinatown"
"Rise of a Race" "India" "Siam"
"Love's Witness"

If you could secure and make available for use in this Presbytery some more motion film, 16 mm; it would be used to good advantage. The two we have now are on their way to Sitka and will be going to Haines. Glasse, Wheeler, Christiansen and I used them before sending them to Kake.

We purchased our own projectors so as to be able to make use of some of the Board film. Hope you can arrange for two or three good films for us to circulate. Sincerely,

Russell Pederson

Jan.
22nd
1940

AIR MAIL

Rev. Mr. Russell F. Pederson,
Box 275,
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

I am arranging to arrive at Seward on March 1st and to spend the first fifteen days in March in Yukon Presbytery. This means that I will leave by plane on March 16th for Juneau, arriving there on Saturday. You may take up my time from that date on through the remaining part of March and arrange a schedule that will be most profitable. If necessary, I hope that you will have the meeting of Presbytery moved up to be held the last week of March or the first week of April. I will be finding it necessary to depart from Alaska the first week in April.

When you have completely arranged my schedule, send me a copy, please.

Cordially yours,

EBK:EH

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Box 275
Wrangell
January 23rd 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Your airmail letter of the 18th reached me late last night.

You state, "I will sail from Seattle on Saturday, the 24th, and arrive in Ketchikan on Monday, the 26th. I suggest that you take my time from Monday, the 26th, through Friday, March 15th, and arrange for me a tentative schedule covering all the points in south-eastern Alaska."

We wish you had included information as to the port from which you expect to leave on March 15th or 16th, whether you expect us to have the meeting of Presbytery sometime between the 26th of February and March 15th or you plan to return to Haines for the meeting of Presbytery, March 31 to April 3rd or 4th. Presbytery has expressed the desire a number of times that meetings follow Easter rather than precede. Some members feel they had better miss the meeting of Presbytery rather than interrupt or neglect their pre-Easter opportunities.

The Princeton cruising time between ports was as follows:

Ketchikan to Metlakatla	2 hours	(Ketchikan to Wrangell	11 hours)
Metlakatla to Hydaburg	10 "		
Hydaburg to Craig	4 "		
Craig to Klawock	1 "		
Klawock to Wrangell	14 "	(Klawock to Kake	15 hours)
Wrangell to Petersburg	5 "	(Wrangell to Sitka	23 hours)
Petersburg to Kake	7 "		
Kake to Angoon	7 "		
Angoon to Sitka	9 "		
Sitka to Hoonah	13 "		
Hoonah to Juneau	9 "	(Hoonah to Haines	10 hours)
Juneau to Haines	10 "		
Haines to Skagway	2 "		
Skagway to Juneau	12 "		

Plane leaves Ketchikan Monday for Klawock, fare \$15. You would need to charter a boat to take you from Klawock to Craig to Hydaburg. The plane from Hydaburg to Ketchikan would likely have to be special and would be at the rate of \$35 an hour which I am informed is the regular rate.

My conviction is that your visit of fields in Alaska Presbytery can be most satisfactorily accomplished by chartering a boat. Boats can be chartered at \$30 a day. You might be able to charter a cruiser at Ketchikan at \$30 a day. Some 7th Day Adventists offered their very nice cruiser at \$30 a day. Would have to let them know soon in case their boat is considered as they are south under going overhaul. There is a good cannery tender in Wrangell which can be chartered at \$30 a day. These tenders are like the boat, SJS. Perhaps you can charter the S J S for your trip. They could meet you at Ketchikan. She is comfortable. Mr. Yaw and Mr. Stuart have a personal investment in the

engine of the "SJS" so they should have a return beyond the actual expense of the crew. The fact is that I would rather make a trip on the SJS than on most of the cannery tenders, if I were going to do what you are contemplating. The SJS is a good dependable boat.

The following is a schedule which could be made, weather permitting and no engine or other difficulty arising. Sometimes your steamer does not come through on schedule.

Arrive Ketchikan	a.m. Feb 26	Lv 6 a.m. 27th.
Arrive Metlakatla	8 a.m. 27	Lv 11 p.m. 27th.
Arrive Hydaburg	noon 28	Lv 2 a.m. 29th.
Arrive Klawock	7 a.m. 29	spend two days between
Craig and Klawock, have a service in each town.		
		Lv Klawock 10 p.m. March 1st.
Arrive Wrangell	p.m. March 2nd.	Spend Sunday Wrangell and
		Wrangell Institute.
		Lv Wrangell 4 a.m. the 4th.
Arrive Petersburg	9 a.m. 4th	Lv Petersburg 11 p.m. 4th.
Arrive Kake	7 a.m. 5th	Lv Kake 11 p.m. 5th
Arrive Angoon	7 a.m. 6th	Lv Angoon 10 p.m. 6th
Arrive Sitka	7 a.m. 7th	Lv Sitka 11 p.m. 8th
Arrive Hoonah	noon 9th	Lv Hoonah 11 p.m. 9th
Arrive Haines	9 a.m. 10th	Lv Haines 8 a.m. 12th
Visit Kluckwan if road is open or dog team can go through.		
Arrive Skagway	10 a.m. 12th	Lv Skagway 10 p.m. 12th.
Arrive Juneau	10 a.m. 13th.	

The time schedule above might be changed a bit by the speed of the boat chartered or the weather and tide conditions.

Do you plan to request a member of the National Missions Committee to accompany you on a part or all of this trip to the fields?

I am taking up the investigation of the "Leota" at once. Sent the following wire to Rev. Mr. Jackson L. Webster this afternoon:

DOCTOR KING INTERESTED LEOTA AND INSTRUCTED ME MAKE ALL NECESSARY INVESTIGATION AND GIVE HIM SOME DEFINITE WORD PERIOD PLEASE WRITE ME SO LETTER MAY REACH ME ON NORTELAND RESULT OF YAKS PRICE AND YOUR INVESTIGATION PERIOD WISH YOUR SUGGESTIONS ANYTHING I CAN DO IN INVESTIGATION OR BARGAINING

Dr. King, all of us trust that you may spend the days with the Presbytery meeting at Haines. We need you in all that meeting, and I am certain that the dates could be changed in case the regular time is not practical with arrangements for your trip to Yukon Presbytery. Being at Presbytery you could save your Haines and Skagway visit and use the time for more thorough visitation other places. We are anticipating that this will be the best Presbytery in many years because you will be with us, and we can all secure a better realisation of the National Board plans and expected development.

Sincerely,

Paul F. Peterson

Jan.
29th
1940

Rev. Mr. Russell F. Pederson,
Box 275,
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Pederson:

Thanks for the information that you have sent me in regard to my Alaska trip. All information, of course, will be of real value.

It looks now as though I will make the Yukon Presbytery and then come to the Alaska Presbytery by March 13th. In that case I think it would be wise for you to have the meeting of Alaska Presbytery on the 13th of March. That date would not interfere with the pre-Easter programs and it would also afford me an opportunity to get acquainted with the men before I visit their fields. I can leave Fairbanks on the 13th and come directly to Haines for the meeting.

The present balance in our appropriation for repairs to the Hydaburg manse is \$14.50. I am sending Mr. Swanson a check for this amount in part payment of the bills which you forwarded, and which totalled \$19.39. In order to cover the unpaid balance I am returning Mr. Swanson's check for \$15 covering rental of rooms in Petersburg, out of which he may reimburse himself for this \$4.89 and use the remainder for the other necessary repairs to the manse.

I shall request an appropriation of \$100 for repairs to the Klawock manse, and the bills covering repairs up to this amount will be paid just as soon as this appropriation has been authorized.

Cordially yours,

EBK:BN

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Box 275
Wrangell
January 29, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

In your letter of the 18th you requested me to make all necessary investigation and give you some definite word concerning the boat, "Leota."

You will recall that Rev. Mr. Webster of Sitka made the recommendation of the "Leota" in the first place. I asked him to have Mr. Yaw of the Sheldon Jackson School and Mr. Frank Price who is an experienced boat man to go with him for the examination of the boat.

Mr. Webster has written me: "Sorry to report that Mr. Yaw and Mr. Stuart did not agree with my enthusiasm about the Leota. They felt she was not a good enough sea boat for our purposes, all right for summer, but not for the all-year-round use we expect of our boat. She only draws a little more than four feet of water. I was sorry they would not give her more serious consideration than they did. But they are experienced boat men and I am not."

Mr. Webster continues: "The other day Price, Yaw, and I talked the boat question over a bit and agreed on these specifications: 1. Length overall under 65 feet.
2. Passenger capacity of 30 and crew (maximum) and 17 and crew with comfort.
3. Cruising speed of 9 or 10 miles.
4. Twin screw, high speed diesel engines.
5. Sturdy sea boat, good in any weather."

Mr. Webster is again calling our attention to Mr. Richard Nelson who "is eager for a job on the boat and would make a good man--good with the engines and as a Christian worker." Last summer Mr. Nelson volunteered to give some assistance with the Princeton. He was a great help and seemed to be a sincere Christian. He is a man we could well encourage to anticipate work on the new boat.

A number of boatmen have told me that they thought we might locate something worthwhile and satisfactory in Seattle or Tacoma. I am certain that we'll not locate anything so seaworthy as was the Princeton without building for our particular purpose.

I wish we could build a new ship and properly equip her with new diesel engines. The upkeep would be so much less that the additional first expenditure would be justified.

We are looking toward the day when we'll get to see you and have the pleasure of talking these points over face to face.

Sincerely,

Russell Pederson

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Box 275
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January 29, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Herewith you will find two expense vouchers which are submitted by the Rev. Mr. Webster of Sitka. These vouchers should be charged against the grant for the operation of the M/s Princeton. The voucher for \$55 is the salary for the captain and engineer employed for that special trip. The voucher for \$45 is a very reasonable price for the use of the M/s S J S chartered for that trip to Kake and Angoon.

The visit to Kake and Angoon was absolutely vital to the communities. Layworker Gibson Young of Kake wrote that "We feel that we have been blessed by the coming of Rev. Mr. Webster, Mrs. Wurster, Miss Whitmore, and Mr. Frank D. Price. We held three days of meeting. On Saturday we had the women meet with the two ladies from Sitka. On Sunday we had Communion. At the morning worship we received members into the Church. Rev. Mr. Webster baptized seven little children."

Layworker George R. Betts wrote: "We were sure glad to have Mr. Webster here with us last week. I feel that God has blessed us all during his stay here with us. Eight took a new stand for the Master and five were taken into the Church on profession of faith."

Mr. Webster is a strong evangelist, and we are thankful that he was able to make this special missionary tour with the assistance of some of the workers in the Sitka Church. The Sitka Church provided the food for the journey.

Sincerely,


Russell F. Pederson

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Box 275
Wrangell
January 29, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Received your letter of the 22nd informing us of the change of your visitation schedule and asking that we send you a copy of a "completely arranged" schedule for visiting S. E. Alaska fields. That is much easier to request than accomplish.

The following is being submitted to the members of the N. W. Committee for their criticism. Hope to have a completely arranged schedule ready to hand you when you arrive northbound next month.

You arrive Juneau Saturday March 16th. Suggest you spend Saturday and Sunday the 17th in Juneau with the Memorial and Northern Light Churches. You should visit Douglas which is a Presbyterian field among the Indians.

Fly to Hoonah for afternoon and evening of the 18th.
Fly to Sitka for the 19th and 20th.

Charter boat (perhaps S.J.S.) and proceed to visit these fields: Arrive Angoon about noon, leave 11 p.m. 21st
Arrive Kake about 7 a.m., leave 10 p.m. 22nd

Arrive Klawock about 2 p.m., 23rd
Spend Easter Sunday Klawock and Craig.
Arrive Hydaburg 10 a.m. the 25th
Arrive Metlakatla 10 a.m. the 26th.

(Chartered boat could return to Sitka on your arrival at Metlakatla)

Go via Metlakatla boat to Ketchikan the 27th. Have morning and afternoon the 27th in Ketchikan and Saxman.

Join the boat chartered for the Presbytery trip as the Presbyters are enroute to Presbytery meeting at Haines.

Presbytery trip schedule will be somewhat like this:

Leave Klawock Tuesday 1 p.m., 26th,	leave Craig 2 p.m.
" Hydaburg 7 p.m., 26th	" Metlakatla 4 p.m. 27th
" Ketchikan 7 p.m. 27th	" Wrangell 6 a.m. 28th.
" Petersburg 11 a.m. 28th	" Kake 7 p.m. 28th
" Juneau 6 a.m. 29th	Arrive Haines 6 p.m. 29th.

(Allowed about 8 or 9 hours extra time between Hydaburg and Metlakatla in case the weather should not be calm.)

(The 30th, you could make a visit to Skagway and be back for the evening for the opening of Presbytery.

Regret that the above schedule will allow you the "steamer stop" visit only at Wrangell. The Presbytery group may be willing that the chartered boat remain here for a few hours so you may see Wrangell Institute as well as Wrangell.

Sincerely,

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Box 275
Wrangell
January 30, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Enclosed you will find an order blank for a kitchen range for the Keke Manse. Mr. Gibson Young has been pleading that another range be placed in that Manse. When he first arrived, he wrote that they could not bake because of the condition of the oven. I wrote to him to clean out the stove and try to make it serve their needs for the present.

In Mr. Young's last letter he renewed his request for the range. Therefore I am sending you this blank so that you may forward the order to the Montgomery Ward Co., Portland, Oregon, along with the Board check. That is if you can see that the funds are available. *Paul H. 1/31/40*

Am enclosing another ~~expense~~ voucher for \$1.35 which I paid for freight on materials ~~for~~ for the Kake manse.

There will be coming to your office a few other small charges against the grant for the Kake manse. The bills have not reached me.

For your information I will add that the Montgomery Ward Company, Portland, Oregon, has been allowing me to deduct 10% on all things which are for the churches or manses in the Territory. Their already low prices and then a 10% discount has meant quite a saving.

Sincerely,

Russell P. Pederson

Handwritten note in bottom left corner: "I have just received your letter of Jan. 30, 1940, regarding the Kake Manse. I will forward the order to the Montgomery Ward Co. as soon as possible." - Paul H. 1/31/40

Box 275
Wrangell, Alaska
February 2, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue, New York

Dear Dr. King:

The nurse representing the Office of Indian Affairs made the request that we allow a native woman and child to live in the two rooms upstairs in the front of the Petersburg Church.

This woman has had T.B. and her lung has been collapsed so the nurse claims she is not an infectious case, but they desire to give the woman and child a better opportunity with more wholesome living conditions.

The Session of the Presbyterian Church agreed without any dissent to recommend that Mrs. Bessie Sawa and daughter be permitted to live in the two mentioned rooms.

As far as I can learn there is no objection to having those two rooms rented, and it is my recommendation that you give us authority to make arrangements.

The nurse states that in a relief case like this the Office of Indian Affairs will allow as much as \$6.00 per month rent. I told the Nurse that we would wish the full amount.

Would you wish us to have Mrs. Sawa sign any kind of an agreement releasing the Board of National Missions from any ~~xxxx~~ liability in case of any accident such as fire or fall on the stairs?

Perhaps you would like to send me a night message in case you give approval, and then Mrs. Sawa could move in the sooner and the rent would start at that date.

Am writing this communication on a friend's typewriter so it is a bit different. Have had a splendid response from the church, the Sunday School teachers, and the Missionary Society on this trip to Petersburg. Another letter will tell you more of activities.

Sincerely,

Paul Hudson

Feb.
6th
1940

AIR MAIL

Rev. Mr. Russell F. Pederson,
Box 275,
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

Enclosed you will find a copy of my proposed schedule for the visit to Alaska. I realize full well that not enough time has been given to any one place. However, with the amount of territory that I am trying to cover, I do not see how it is possible for me to make very many changes.

If you will arrange to have a meeting of the Alaska Presbytery on March 12th or 13th, then our schedule will work out very well.

If you have any other suggestions to make, please feel perfectly free to offer them.

I have written to Mr. Yaw today, asking him about chartering the "S.J.S." I believe that would be the wisest policy to follow. This boat could be used in my travels in southeastern Alaska.

At present I have not planned on having any representative to go around with me. It might be well for someone to be with me part of the time. You will know more about that than I do. I shall leave that to your good judgment.

Cordially yours,

EBK:EH

AIR MAIL

Feb.
7th
1940

Rev. Mr. Russell F. Pederson,
Box 275,
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

Yesterday I sent you a schedule of my itinerary for the Alaska trip, and today's mail brings me your suggested schedule. The main difference in our two schedules is that you arrange for the meeting of Presbytery the last of March, and I am trying to get Presbytery to meet the middle of March when I first land in Sitka on March 13th or 14th. Of course, these are smaller plans and details that will have to be taken care of to accommodate the largest number of people. You know that my interest is only to serve the greatest number and to see the most of the field in a short time.

I am returning your order blank for the kitchen range for the Kake manse. This has my approval if you feel the equipment is warranted. I would prefer to leave local details of this nature to your judgment as Chairman of National Missions. After paying your bill of \$1.35 for freight on materials for the Kake manse, there is a balance of \$73.96 in the grant that was made for this field. Since this range will cost \$40.45, there will still be some funds remaining for the few small additional charges which you mentioned.

Cordially yours,

EBK:BN

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Feb.
29th
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Rev. Mr. Russell F. Pederson,
Box 275,
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

In Dr. King's absence I have referred to the Insurance Department your letter of February 13th together with the letter from the Office of Indian Affairs with reference to the sale of the old church building at Juneau. Mr. Tribus will make out the necessary papers and forward them to Mr. Faulkner, as you directed.

Very sincerely yours,

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Box 275
Wrangell
March 11, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
C/o Stated Clerk of Presbytery
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Dr. King:

Over the radio and through the newspapers we have learned that you have made an almost record breaking series of visits to both Interior and South-eastern Alaska. We are thankful that you have been able to keep your strenuous schedule. I wish that I could have heard your addresses in Juneau yesterday.

Our physician advised me to remain in Wrangell and not attempt the trip to Sitka at this time. Therefore I must send my regrets at not being with the rest of Presbytery during your conferences. It is a real disappointment to me for we had anticipated one of the best meetings of Presbytery since you were to be with us.

I am glad that you are to have a trip with Mr. Frank Barnes. Mr. Barnes and his family have been both friendly and helpful to us in our work. Mrs. Barnes is community minded and means much to people in Wrangell. Mrs. Pederson has the pleasure of serving on the Library Board with Mrs. Barnes.

Mr. Barnes told me that he expects to arrive in Wrangell the 21st or 22nd. I thought at first that you might be with us over Easter. Perhaps you will be catching the Northland the 23rd to go south to Seattle or to have a longer visit at Ketchikan and Metlakatla.

Our people would be pleased to have you in Wrangell over Easter Sunday. Should you decide to stop over in Wrangell for Easter Sunday, we would like to know early enough to give publicity in the weekly newspaper.

We are remembering you and your work in our prayer.

Sincerely,

*Herewith are four
letters for you.*

Russell F. Pederson

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Box 275
Wrangell
March 31, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

The \$500 enclosed herewith is a contribution which has been designated specifically for a new boat to replace the mission boat, the M/s Princeton. The contributor directed me to keep the name confidential, (anonymous) and you may have the receipt mailed to me, and I will forward the same to the contributor. This friend in Alaska knows the Presbyterian missions and the work very well and has confidence in boat missionary work.


Herewith draft to the Board of National Missions \$394.30
endorsed checks 10.00 ✓

8.00 ✓
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Total 105.70
\$500.00

Sincerely,

Russell P. Pederson
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Box 275 STATED CLERK (Acting)
Wirangell
March 28, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

The subject of this letter is "Ordained ministers, missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in Alaska, engaging in commercial fishing."

I recognize that "all administrative responsibility for the ministers of this Presbytery" was transferred to you, but thought an inquiry permissible.

The question has been raised whether the Board of National Missions approves the ordained missionary using his month's vacation in commercial fishing.

Again the question is asked whether the missionary may do a little commercial fishing between Sundays and use the profits to bring his salary to a more adequate income.

Dr. J. M. Somerndike objected to Rev. Verne J. Swanson anchoring the M/s Princeton and using his month's vacation for commercial fishing. The mission boat was thus out of commission. Members of Presbytery objected to that use of vacation period and the boat missionary work being interrupted.

It is said that the Salvation Army leader in Klawock has requested permission of his superior officer to go commercial fishing this summer, and that the Presbyterian minister is going commercial fishing.

I realize that Rev. Mr. Whiteside has paid \$200 for a boat and will be paying out some more to put it into commission. At the same time he is allowed \$12.50 per month in the budget for his travel expense by boat. It would be far better to make a larger allowance, should it be necessary, than for him to neglect his opportunities and create a problem by engaging in commercial fishing.

Any of the missionaries can get profitable employment on the side providing they wish to overlook the fact that they would have to neglect some of their opportunities and responsibilities.

Perhaps you have had a discussion of this matter with the men present at Presbytery, or you may have given some consent to Mr. Whiteside. If you have some agreement with him on this subject, I would appreciate knowing.

It may be that Mr. Whiteside is not contemplating any commercial fishing. This question is being raised now rather than waiting until the fishing season. Our prayer is to avoid problems.

We are remembering you and your staff in prayer.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

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Box 275
Wrangell
March 31, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

see Mr. Bromley's file
Herewith you will find a letter dated 3/28 '40
from Rev. E. E. Bromley of Hoonah.

During your short visit to Wrangell you inquired
what I thought of the Wheelers being transferred to the
Ketchikan field. You did not inform me whether Wheelers
were favorable nor what the other members of the N M
Committee gave as a response to the suggestion.

Am at a loss to know whether you desire recom-
mendations concerning another missionary for the Ketchikan
field. You will have Mr. Bromley's request in hand. Will
ascertain the reaction of the N M Committee members and
forward them providing you wish them.

Should you care for my personal opinion at this
time, it is that the Bromleys might try to serve the field;
but I am not convinced that the congregation and organization
would develop and advance as you could hope with the right
kind of missionary with musical and other talent.

The Bromleys are good people, and he can preach
helpful sermons. Mrs. Bromley has a nice personality. He
has three years more until he becomes eligible for pension.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

April 3, 1940

Rev. Russell F. Pederson
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

Enclosed you will find a receipt for the \$500.00 that has been credited to the replacement fund of the Princeton. Please express to this unknown giver our sincere appreciation for this gracious and generous gift.

I wish you would please write me your plans about the future, giving me the date that you would like to leave Wrangell, and the time that you have decided that you would like to spend in the States.

In our conversation I mentioned to you about trying to find an exchange with a Sunday School missionary. That, of course, would be over a period of a year. Please let me know how your mind is working on this question.

I did appreciate seeing you even for the short time. I trust that you are back to normal by now.

Cordially yours,

EBK:E
enc.

April 4, 1940

Rev. Russell P. Pederson
Box 275
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

I have the application for National Missions aid from
Hydaburg.

I am herewith returning the application blank because
I believe it is unfair to the church not to give them an
opportunity in an Every Member Canvass to make their
contributions. I am fully in sympathy with the fact that
the people are poor, and that many of them do not have
enough for the necessities of life. However, I am also
convinced of this, - that the matter of giving is one of
the spiritual graces that must be cultivated if a life is
to develop. Therefore, I feel that it is an injustice to
the church not to give every member a chance to make a
contribution to the work of the Kingdom.

In the other applications that you receive, you may let
this be a guide. I am trusting you to understand my
viewpoint. It is not a question primarily of dollars and
cents. It is a question of developing the spiritual life
of the people.

Cordially yours,

EBK:E

enc.

Letter to Dr. King:

LETTER OF DATES TO REV. VERNE J. SWANSON
In response to the Application
For National Missions Aid which he
herewith submits.

VJS

Box 275
Wrangell
March 27, 1940

Rev. Verne J. Swanson
Hydaburg, Alaska

Dear Verne:

Your report for the period ending March 14th and the application for National Missions aid came this noon, and they will go forward to 156 Fifth Avenue on the E P R boat tonight.

Am thankful that you have been able to persuade and lead the folks to put the church basement in shape for a social program. The building had been neglected for so many years that we know you have some hard work ahead.


You dated the Application for Aid for a period of 12 months beginning April 1, 1940. The Board has been requesting us to submit the applications in accordance with the Board year, beginning October 1st. Therefore it is likely that you will be requested to submit another Application as of the period of twelve months beginning October 1st, 1940. The "Report of Congregational Treasurer" was not signed, but I imagine that will be overlooked.

Regret that we did not get to see you while the boat was in Wrangell. The Wrangell Institute students were very much disappointed in not seeing the ministers of their home towns. Dr. King paid us an early morning visit, 1:50 a.m. to 2:30 a.m., the 23rd.

With best wishes all the while.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Weddell

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Box 275
Wrangell
April 8, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

The members of the National Missions Committee have written me on the subject of the Manse for Walter Soboleff in connection with his Juneau Memorial pastorate in Juneau.

All the members believe that it would be a serious mistake to have the Soboleffs occupy the manse formerly used by the Waggoners. The manse is far up on the hill away from the Memorial Church. No other Indian people live in that exclusive "White Neighborhood."

Two arguments for securing a manse near the Memorial Presbyterian Church are:

1. The Indian Church members will resent having Soboleff living on "Gold Hill" considering that he and his wife are too good to live near or among their own Indian people. Mr. and Mrs. Soboleff need to be somewhere near the church to accomplish their best work. Mrs. Soboleff would have to use a taxi or other auto to go from the present manse to the church.
2. The Whites will resent and cause a renewal of race prejudice should the Soboleffs move into the present manse.

The present manse is large enough for a good sized family. The heating cost is heavy, too much of a burden for Soboleff.

Mr. Yaw, Mr. Webster and Mr. Price consider that it is wise to sell the present manse and get a new one near the Memorial Church. Mr. Bronley suggests renting quarters near the Church for the Soboleffs and then the Board renting out the present manse. His suggestion included the thought that we could take our time about locating a permanent manse. Mr. Swoosier earnestly counselled housing the Memorial pastor near the Church.

My own conviction has been that we must locate Mr. and Mrs. Soboleff near the Memorial Church and not for one moment suggest their occupying the present manse. I think you should offer that manse for sale while it is in good repair unless you plan that it shall be occupied by the General Missionary.

Sincerely,

Russell P. Pederson

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Box 275
Wrangell
April 8, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

One of the men told me that you made the statement that you could get 25% or more discount on books for us if we cared to order through your office. That is good news providing it is true.

Just what books does that discount include?
Does it include Bibles?

The 7th Day Adventist minister in Wrangell recently told me that through their purchasing agent all the Adventist ministers can get a 25% discount on books, typewriters, projectors, etc. He added that they get a considerable discount on automobiles.

I am interested because we are going to need a Portable typewriter some day before many years pass.

I have been making inquiries on prices of cars because we anticipate purchasing an automobile for use while out on furlough and to bring to the field afterward.

This summer I hope to get a projector for the transparency stills. I have had some good opportunities to get pictures of old Indian blankets, ornamented coats, etc. That material should be good in lectures outside. Am making up a series of views around Wrangell.

June 3 & 4, the Wrangell Indians are having a Potlatch which promises a good deal of color and action. The Forestry and the Chamber of Commerce are assisting in financial backing of the event. The Chief Shakes Community house has been reconstructed, old totems have been replaced by duplicates carved in the manner you observed in Saxman.

Please let me hear as soon as possible whether we can secure discounts on various items of equipment such as the above.

Sincerely,

Russell F Pederson

*Copy
to
Mr. Little
of
message
mission
we could get
amount for him*

*see books
for personal use*

April 9, 1940

Rev. Mr. Russell F. Pederson
Box 275
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

Enclosed I am sending you a copy of a letter that I have written Mr. Bromley. I do not feel that Mr. Bromley is physically able to carry on the field at Ketchikan. They are splendid people, the Bromleys are, and they are very deserving, but in my opinion his physical condition rules him out as a possible candidate for this place.

It isn't a question in my mind at all about whether ordained ministers or missionaries should be engaged in commercial life. That question has already been answered by our Board of National Missions. Our Board of National Missions will not grant aid to any minister who is engaged in any other type of work that brings in an income. So you may pass that word on to the ministers who are contemplating making a little extra money during the fishing season.

Cordially yours,

EBK:E
enc.

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Box 275
Wrangell
April 13, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Thank you for your letter of the 3rd received this morning in which you request me to write our plans about the future, giving you the date that we would like to leave Wrangell, and the time that we have decided that we would like to spend in the States.

In the light of the recommendation of Presbytery that we be granted a four month furlough, we believe that the advantageous time is August 1st to November 30th:

Month of August, visiting in Washington and California.

September on, in California, the children to be enrolled in school. Mrs. Pederson to use available time in visiting church departments which she wishes to study. Myself to spend the three months in study anticipating accumulation of credits toward another degree. Have not decided on the school to attend, but expect it will be in the vicinity of Los Angeles.

Your mention of an exchange with a Sunday School Missionary has been carefully considered. The question is whether such a year would mean real progress. Will be glad to give the exchange further consideration should you care to give me definite information as to possibilities.

We have noted that you consider that additional training is desirable. We have not lost our hope of taking additional training although we have been kept so busy in our 17 years of missionary work in Alaska that we have not been able to accomplish desired correspondence courses. I have a B. D. from the San Francisco Theol. Seminary and would like to take a Master of Arts in Religious Education. Our real problem is finance. We have not been able to save enough to make us independent for a year of study. Our prayer and desire is for a year of study. Do you consider that it would be possible to arrange for us to be out a year for study?

We are considering the influence which spiritual and active young people's groups may have on our children. Robert graduates from high school this year and Arthur enters high school this fall. The other three are wide awake and eager to make a success. Our children need outside associations for at least a year which will help to give them the enlarged vision.

We dedicated our lives to Christian service, and now we are actually in your hands as the Secretary of our Board of National Missions.

Yours in Christian Service,

Russell F. Pederson

April 15, 1940

copy for Dr. King

Rev. Russell F. Pederson
Box 275
Wrangell, Alaska

Juneau, Indian, Alaska
H. M. 39

Dear Mr. Pederson:

Thank you for your letter of March 20th reporting
on the Old Native Church property at Juneau and
also the Saxman Church.

We have a deed executed in connection with the sale
of the Old Native Church building at Juneau to the
United States Government and are today sending the
deed to the firm of Faulkner and Banfield to be held
for the receipt of \$300 for our account.

Sincerely,

C. W. Monacott, Treasurer
by:

L. H. Tribus, Assistant
to the Treasurer

LHT:EH

April 15, 1940

Dr. King

Registered Mail

Faulkner & Banfield

Juneau
Alaska

Juneau, Indian, Alaska
M. M. 39

Attention: Mr. H. L. Faulkner

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions received from Rev. Russell P. Pederson of Wrangell we are enclosing herewith a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at its meeting held March 15, 1940 concerning the sale of the Old Indian Church at Juneau to the United States Government for \$300.

We also enclose a quit claim deed dated April 11, 1940 executed by the Board of National Missions.

Will you please contact the Office of Indian Affairs at Juneau, Mr. Charles W. Hawkesworth, and advise him that these papers are in your hands ready to be delivered upon receipt of the \$300 for our account?

On receipt of check will you please send it directly to me.

Sincerely,

C. H. Wonaocott, Treasurer
by:

L. H. Tribus, Assistant
to the Treasurer

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Enc.

cc. Rev. Russell P. Pederson
Box 275
Wrangell, Alaska

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Wrangell METLAKATLA, ALASKA
April 16th 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Rev. R. K. Wheeler has made the following requests:

1. That he be notified as soon as a final decision has been made on the N M committee recommendation of George Kasko for Layworker for 4 months in Klukwan. If appointed he wishes to notify the cannery owner in plenty of time for him to secure another winter watchman.

Dr. King, personally I know nothing about Mr. George Kasko. He in the 1939 minutes is not listed as an Elder in either the Haines or Klukwan churches. Since Mr. Wheeler must have recommended him, he should be a good candidate. I am writing Mr. Wheeler inquiring into Mr. Kasko's qualifications.

In this connection, I have noted that the committee recommendations have omitted the travel expense for the Haines-Klukwan field. \$100 should be included in the askings because the Haines missionary cannot give service or oversight to Klukwan without using a car, and the car expense is very reasonable at \$100 which amount has been allowed Mr. Wheeler.

2. Mr. Wheeler writes, "Also I would appreciate knowing as soon as possible if the Haines church will receive a \$100 grant toward a new concrete porch foundation--so that I may arrange for the donated labor."

Dr. King, when will the moneys be available providing the recommendations on the askings are approved?

Mr. Wheeler writes that, "we are rejoicing at the latest honors which have come to Elder John W. Swets. Last Friday (April 6) he was elected Mayor of Haines and appointed to supervise the construction of our new Territorial School. Because I was anxious for stricter enforcement of the local liquor control I campaigned vigorously for him. It seems to me that our Board secretaries might get favorable promotion publicity through him at the General Assembly at Rochester since he served for 17 years in Alaska and has received these additional recognitions. His testimony as to our experience on the "SJS" on the night of March 18th is dramatic and has powerful evangelistic appeal."

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

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Box 275

Wrangell

April 19th, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Enclosed you will find two expense vouchers in connection with the Petersburg Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Jessie Sawa has moved into the upstairs rooms and two windows had to be repaired. I did the work and am submitting to you the cost of a pane of glass. Am sending an expense voucher for expense, the cost of the trip to and from Petersburg.

I went to Petersburg early the morning of the 17th, and reached Wrangell again at 3:30 a.m. the 19th. The evening of the 17th, the worship was well attended by some 74 people. They were much interested in the study preparing for the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the Foreign Missions study illustrated by the film, "Chosen, the Land of Down." The offering was used for the purchase of Sunday School supplies.

In the evening service the 18th, the Communion and reception of new members were the center of interest. I had had four young people in a class for church membership, and they met with the session for examination. They were received on profession of faith, and in addition two adults were received by certificate. We were pleased with the number taking the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Session of the Church requested me to write a letter urging that Layworker George Betts be appointed to serve their church during the coming fall and winter. The elders have been doing their best, and it has been good; but they feel that so much more can be accomplished by some one better informed. A visit once in two or two and a half months is hardly enough to keep up the interest. Though the Session has done well the past winter, we had better endeavor to arrange a leadership on the part of a resident minister or layworker during the coming fall and winter.

Sincerely, *Russell F. Pederson*

WRANGELL POTLATCH INC.

E. L. KEITHAHN, Manager

WRANGELL, ALASKA

April 19th 1940

Dear Dr. King:

Wrangell is facing a busy season, and two of the busiest days will be June 3 and 4. Wish that you could be with us for that celebration. The two enclosures will help you to realize that a great deal of preparation is under way.

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HERBERT BRADLEY
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The card with the blanket is in reality a guest ticket which will admit the bearer to a reserved section in the community house and to the banquet.

I am anticipating a real opportunity to shoot some colorful scenes with my motion picture camera. Along with the Indian dress of early days the whites will be present with blouses of varied hues. The intention is to provide the best of colorful activity.

We expect that almost all the towns and villages of Southeastern Alaska will have considerable numbers present. Invitations have been extended to President F. D. Roosevelt as well as many other important individuals through the United States. This guest card was authorized for your use because of your important relationship to Alaska.

The Roman Catholic Church is capitalizing the opportunity with the dedication of their completed church on June 2nd. Bishop Crimont and the Roman Catholic Gonzaga College Quartet are to be present. They will have other priests for an official visit.

Since you have been in Alaska this spring and are not likely to be able to come again so soon, I am sending a card to Dr. Arthur H. Limouze also. Dr. Limouze is much loved by the Alaskans. He was the one who dedicated the Wrangell Church, and at that time he led in a series of special evangelistic services.

You might send Miss Blanche Hopp to represent you. We all think she is a helpful person and one who knows us very well.

We ask you to remember us in prayer as we carry our several responsibilities in addition to the Christian ministry in this earliest of Presbyterian Churches.

Sincerely,



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WRANGELL, ALASKA --- JUNE 3 & 4

April 23, 1940

Air Mail

Rev. Mr. Russell F. Pederson
Box 275
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

I am perfectly willing for the Manse at Juneau to be sold. In my observation during the short time I was there, I felt that the Manse was too far removed from the Church, regardless of any other question. You therefore have my permission to place the property on sale at a saleable price. I am not familiar enough with the commercial values in Juneau to tell you what the price will be. I think the sooner you can dispose of this building, the better it will be for all concerned.

You are exactly right about the books for your own personal use. We can secure twenty-five percent discount on these books, and that includes practically all books and Bibles.

We can also secure a discount for you on your typewriter. The Royal De Luxe typewriter sells for \$64.50. We can buy that for you at approximately \$42.00.

There is no way that we can help you with the automobile. It may be that we can be of some help to you with your projector, but I am not able to make any commitment about that.

If you want us to secure the Royal De Luxe portable typewriter for you, let us know, and we will be glad to get it.

Cordially yours,

EBK:E

April 23, 1940

Rev. Mr. Russell P. Pederson
Wrangell, Alaska

The request that you made for repairs at Wrangell for the renewal of the Manse sewer totaling \$75.00 has been approved. You may proceed with the labor and then send the bill to the office.

I wish we might work out some plan whereby you might spend a year here in the States working on your Master of Arts degree in Religious Education. I think that would be a real answer to a need in your life and in the life of your family. I shall proceed to make investigations and try to arrange such a plan.

I remember you spoke to me about directing tours during the summer. I immediately said to you then that I thought it would be perfectly all right. Since the question has arisen about the other missionaries doing fishing in a commercial way, I have had to rethink my answer to you. I cannot see any difference in your commercial life as a guide for the tourists than the commercial fishing of the other ministers. If we permit one, we would have to permit both. The Board has a policy that they are very close in following, that no minister can receive aid from the Board who is engaged in any other occupation. In order, therefore, to keep your skirts clear, I think you had better not engage in a commercial enterprise. I trust that you will understand my position, and know the reason why I had to change my mind.

Cordially yours,

EBK:E

April 26, 1940

Rev. Mr. Russell F. Pederson
Box 275
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

In answer to your question about the lay worker for Klukwan, it is difficult for me to give an answer that I can stand up under. That will necessarily be under the items of the new budget. I shall include it in the askings, and after it goes through, of course, the worker can be secured. I am hopeful that it will go through, but have my doubts about it. Therefore, I cannot give you any definite word now. The expense allowance was not included in the budget askings for Haines, because we had included that in the askings for the Klukwan native worker.

I have written to Mr. Wheeler that the money for the concrete porch foundation for the church was ready and I would send it to them when the bill for the work had been submitted to me.

You asked me when the money would be available provided the recommendations were approved. The money is available when you send the bills in.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the recommendations that have been offered, and the approvals that the Board has made. You may so notify the churches, and tell them to send in their bills for the work done.

Cordially yours,

EBK:E
enc.

ALASKA

RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD - April 11, 1940

Angeon, Alaska - Toward repair of oil stove	\$ 15.00
Craig, Alaska - Paint and shingles for the church	30.00
Petersburg, Alaska - New heating stove for the church	120.00
Haines, Alaska - Reconstruction of church porch	105.00
Hydaburg, Alaska - Manse repairs	50.00
Wrangell, Alaska - Renewal of Manse sewer	75.00
Cordova, Alaska - Paint	30.00
Palmer, Alaska - Furnace improvement and repairs	50.00

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Box 275
Wrangell
April 29, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd.

Mrs. Pederson and I have been making our expected time outside with its opportunities a matter of prayer. We are pleased that you are making investigations toward a year of study for me.

In your third paragraph you indicate that you understood that I was contemplating a tour on a commercial basis. The fact is that there is nothing commercial about my joining the tour party in July.

The director of the tour, a Presbyterian Elder who is a friend, gave me an invitation to join his party and travel with them, July 11th to 17th, as they visit Wrangell, Petersburg, Juneau, Skagway, Haines, Sitka, and return to Wrangell. He offered to request the courtesy of a ticket for me. He knows that I have a few pictures and curios such as I used without charge before. He feels that my personal contacts in Alaska will help his tour members to enjoy their trip. He will give me complete freedom to talk the mission work of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church. Offerings taken while on the tour go to the local churches. As an example last year at ~~my~~ suggestion the tour made a good offering for the work of the Presbyterian Church at Haines and Klukwan. Mr. Wheeler's Elders took charge of the offering which was taken up at a special meeting in the Haines Cannery.

Neither the tour director nor the Alaska Steamship Company have offered me a cent of money. I accepted the invitation, after speaking to you, for the following reasons:

1. Without a cent of cost for travel I can see a number of our missionaries and have a helpful visit with them.
2. Without any cost other than time, I can do some good Promotional work for our Board and the Presbyterian Church at large.
3. I enjoy the fellowship of the Christian people one meets among the tourists.
4. Mrs. Pederson will be carrying forward our program.

I hope that you recognize that the seven day trip is not a commercial venture. If you yet consider that I should not travel as their guest in the interest of Presbyterian work, please let me know at once so that I may let them know that they are not to expect me.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

May 2, 1940

Rev. Mr. Russell F. Pederson
Wrangell, Alaska
Box 275.

Dear Mr. Pederson:

Enclosed is an account of the replacement of "The Princeton" which I know you will be interested in receiving, and you no doubt will be able to use it in promotional efforts through Alaska. At the Board meeting last week, April 26th, the plan was approved. We will soon sign the contract with Mojean & Ericson at Tacoma, Washington, for the construction of the boat. We are expecting the boat to be even better and finer than the old Princeton was.

I have requested the Budget Committee to grant additional funds for Alaskan work, and in this request have asked for the fund to place Mr. Betts at Petersburg. I will not know the outcome, of course, until a little later. I am certainly hopeful that the requests that have been made to the Budget Committee will go through.

Thanks for sending me the guest card for the Alaskan celebration. I am today acknowledging that courtesy through the mail.

In talking with Rev. and Mrs. Webster they both concluded that their work at Sitka had come to the end of the rope. They have a feeling that it is time for them to make a change. They told me then that if the transfer to Haines failed to materialize, they felt the only thing remaining was for them to return to the States. Since the transfer to Haines did not materialize, I have written to them that I was concurring in their plan to see that they were moved to the States. The Websters have done an excellent piece of work in Alaska, and at first I did not feel that it was the wise thing for them to leave, but as I have thought about it more, I am convinced that the Websters are right.

Cordially yours,

EBK:E
enc.

May 4, 1940

Rev. Mr. Russell F. Pederson
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

I have no intention at all of trying to prevent you from doing a piece of work that you feel needs to be done and can be done through the touring party. I am only too glad to place my approval on the plan. You ought to review our correspondence, and then you will see that I was only trying to be consistent. So long as you are not using your time for commercial purposes, there could be no criticism of it.

Cordially yours,

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Box 275
Wrangell
May 4th, 1946

Dr. Everett E. King
Board of National Missions
136 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

William Youngs wired me as follows: "WILL THERE BE ANY OPENING FOR ME NEXT FALL THERE ARE SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES OPEN TO ME AT THIS TIME BUT I WOULD NOT CONSIDER THEM IF THE BOARD HAS SOMETHING FOR ME WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR WIRING COLLECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE"

I wrote the members of the National Missions Committee inquiring whether they would care to recommend to you the following assignments:

Samuel G. Johnson to serve the Angoon field, 8 months
George A. Betts to serve the Kake field, 8 months
William Youngs to serve Petersburg, 8 months.

Mr. Bromley thought the above would be practical providing Mr. William Youngs married, I understood that Mr. Youngs expected to marry when he had some definite work.

Just received the following wire from Rev. Jackson L. Webster, Mr. W. Leslie Yaw and Mr. Frank Price: WE FEEL COMMITTEE CAN MAKE NO PROMISES HESITATE RECOMMENDING YOUNGS TO KING UNTIL KNOW MORE OF HIS JUNIOR WORK BELIEVE SHOULD NOT BE USED AGAIN UNLESS MARIED SUGGEST JUNIOR INQUIRY PERHAPS BY GLASSE AND REPORT TO KING RECOMMEND ORDAINED MAN AT KAKE BETTS PETERSBURG JOHNSON ANGOON OTHER LAYWORKER AT KASAAN

Since you had some time in Juneau and made a careful study of the Memorial Church and the present program, I imagine that you know as much as Mr. Glasse can learn as to the ability and activity of Mr. Youngs.

I am writing Mr. Glasse a request for a report on the work being accomplished by Mr. Youngs and whether he considers that Youngs should be recommended to serve as a layworker on another field.

Personally I know little about Mr. Youngs. We met him and had a short conversation about two years ago. I have not had the opportunity to go to Juneau since he became the layworker in the Memorial Church. Have had no reports on his work other than those he sent through my hands for your office. They have given little information.

My desire in this letter is to keep you informed as to our conferences or rather correspondence. Should you be convinced that Mr. Youngs is too valuable to lose through delay in answering his inquiry, you may wish to act.

Sincerely, Russell F. Pederson

May 10, 1940

Air Mail

Rev. Mr. Russell F. Pederson
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

Unless William Youngs is married, I do not think it advisable to enter into any contract or agreement for work, after he completes his service there at Juneau. In fact, I would be more satisfied with some other worker, although I am quite sure that Mr. Youngs did a very good piece of work there at Juneau.

We have two missionaries and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rolland Armstrong, and Mr. and Mrs. David Crawford, who are sailing on "The Yukon" from Seattle on May 25th. The Armstrongs are headed for Fairbanks, and the Crawfords will take up work in Cordova. I am quite sure it will be helpful to these people for you to meet them as they come through Wrangell.

Cordially yours,

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Box 275
Wrangell
May 11th, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
133 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd. The news on the Princeton replacement should make many hearts happy. We are glad to hear that you have made such rapid progress with the new ship.

Have noted your paragraph on the Websters and Sitka. Last week the Session of the Wrangell Church was discussing our furlough absence, and the Elders were questioning as to the minister to supply this field. The suggestion was made that Rev. Jackson L. Webster would be about the best supply. All the Elders agreed that they would like to have him providing he could be spared from Sitka for those months.

Mr. Webster is well acquainted with the young people of S. E. Alaska. Many of those former Sheldon Jackson School students are in Wrangell Institute.

Should the desire for a year of study be arranged, might it not be good to have the Websters come to this field. They would be good workers with both young and old.

As we have indicated before, this field should be served without interruption by a strong Presbyterian minister and wife. The 7th Day Adventists, the Quakers, and the Pentacostal mission workers are on the field and are doing everything they can to get the attention of the members of the Presbyterian Church as well as those of the Episcopal, Salvation Army and Roman Catholic. I do hope that you can arrange for a supply to be in Wrangell, August 1st.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

ALASKA

attached

*Webster
Arrived in
Wrangell
5/27/40*

May 14, 1940

ALASKA

Rev. Mr. Russell F. Pederson
Box 275
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

In a letter from Mr. Paul Whiteside he is suggesting that the best solution to the Craig-Klawock situation is to place two lay workers there, a native worker in Klawock and a white worker in Craig. This suggestion seems most feasible to me, and I have a feeling that it would be the answer to our problem with Craig and Klawock. If this was done, Mr. Whiteside of course could be released for some other work in Alaska.

What do you think of the plan, and do you have anyone to suggest for these places? George Betts has been asked for, but I believe the best thing for us to do is to send him to Petersburg. I doubt if Mr. Young would fit into the picture at Craig, but I would be perfectly willing to go on such an adventure with him if we cannot find someone else better qualified and equipped.

Cordially yours,

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Box 275
Wrangell, Alaska
May 15, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

MONTHLY NARRATIVE

The first joy this month was to have four young people make their profession of faith in Jesus Christ and take their stand in uniting with the Church. We hope that three of these young people may attend the Young People's Conference at Sitka as delegates from Petersburg.

Two of our young people in Wrangell Institute indicated their desire for Conference training in leadership. We expect one to attend as a Juneau delegate and the other as from Kake.

The Wrangell Church has been attempting to furnish their building which was erected in 1931 without any further aid from the Board of National Missions. We are thankful to be able to report that we have financed the supplementary pews which have been so much needed. The order has gone to Seattle, and we claimed a 5% cash discount. We have schooled this congregation to make purchases after they have raised the money instead of having a debt hanging over their heads. Our people are happy in anticipation of the uniform and comfortable new seating. Our next project is refinishing of the social room floor and pulpit chairs.

The past week I worked with the men employed to replace the sewer to the Manse. The old cedar plank sewer is now replaced by 4" soil pipe. This new sewer is connected to the church sewer line. The church sewer line is 210 feet long. The first 130 feet are of soil pipe and sewer tile, and there is some 80 feet of red cedar plank sewer. We believe that the church sewer made of plank will last about ten years longer as the average life of plank sewer is 20 years.

With ~~this~~ monthly report vouchers are enclosed to the amount of \$50.83. \$73 was allowed for repairs, and we expect to use the remaining balance of \$24.13 for the roof repairs not completed last year.

Wrangell Institute will have several students spending the summer on the campus. We hope to do some class work with the remaining young folks. Should class work not be possible, we can make good use of the Sunday School papers. An enclosing an order blank for the summer period supply for Wrangell Institute. *W J 22/40*

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

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Box 275
Wrangell
May 17th 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

In preparation for our furlough, please let me know the answers to the following questions:

At present I receive \$111.25 per month from the Board of National Missions and \$20 a month from the field. My idea is that the local church should pay their \$20 a month to the supply missionary serving the field, and that the Board would assume my total salary. Please let me know the amount the Board will allow me per month in order that we may pay our Pension premium and know on what we can depend during furlough.

When you visited Wrangell, you inquired whether we own the piano in the Manse. We do, and the piano tuner as well as the most able musician in town states that this piano has the best action and tone of all the pianos in the community. We have been able to save so little out of my salary that we must sacrifice some of our equipment to make necessary purchases while outside. We feel that we must have an automobile for use outside, and should have a better car for use in Wrangell on our return: hence quite an investment. Therefore we ~~are~~ are contemplating selling the piano. We believe we can readily sell the piano to someone in town, but wish that this fine instrument could be kept for the Manse. We would try to sell the piano to the Wrangell Ladies' Aid Society, but we have them fully pledged for the new pews for the church which have been ordered. If you can find \$125 and keep the piano in this manse, it will be a good investment for permanent equipment and will save money in consideration of freight bills as you may change missionaries.

We are eagerly anticipating your reply on the subject of a year of study. At this time do you have expectation of our being out more than the four months recommended by Presbytery?

Sincerely,

ALASKA

Russell F. Pederson

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DOE 275
Wrangell
May 21, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Herewith you will find:
Letter addressed to me
Contract form
Three copies of bill for rent for month
of May as made out by Miss Luella Olson,
Petersburg Nurse.

Although you authorized me to rent a room to Mrs. Sawa upon the request of the nurse who represents the Office of Indian Affairs, I felt that it would be wise to send the contract to you. You did not authorize a contract.

I told Miss Olson to have the check sent to me. My idea was to keep in touch with the rental and receipt of the payments.

Do you wish to sign the contract and have me sign the bills? Or do you wish to have the bills forwarded to your office and the check sent direct?

Today we received a statement from "Properties and Insurance, 156 Fifth Ave." asking for \$41.25 for three years insurance and ~~\$3.75~~ \$3.75 arrears on insurance payments. This rental can be used to cover that insurance providing you approve.

Have noted that the Contract states: "Contract shall be terminated when room vacated by Mrs. Sawa." Will offer the suggestion that you add a statement as to removal of tenant on say 30 days notice.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

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May 21, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Herewith you will find the monthly reports from Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Youngs.

Rev. Mr. Wheeler wrote me in a personal letter: "I hope that the N M committee or the Board will soon decide to appoint a Layworker for Klukwan for the four winter months. Otherwise as I frankly told the members at Sitka, I feel that my travel allowance should be doubled since it has cost me more than \$100 over my allowance the past season."

Dr. King, in your letter of April 26th, you expressed a hope but gave no assurance that the worker Mr. Wheeler had requested be appointed to serve the Klukwan field the four winter months. In the same paragraph you stated the expense allowance was not included in the budget askings for Haines, because you had included that in the askings for the Klukwan native worker.

Since I know the terrible roads between Haines and Klukwan, I am in full sympathy with the askings of Rev. Mr. Wheeler. The road is difficult enough eight months of the year and are beyond comprehension the other four months. No one can question the heavy expense Mr. Wheeler has been under in serving the Klukwan field.

Presbytery should have included askings for \$100 for travel for ministry to the Klukwan field although a layworker is appointed, and if no layworker is appointed the asking should be \$200 for Mr. Wheeler's travel allowance.

Mr. Youngs wrote me under date May 19th: "I am not married now, but as soon as some definite field of service opens up I will be. My fiancée is a graduate of the same school as I and has been doing a good deal of the work here (Juneau). We have learned to love serving the King and to love these people. It is our intention to be married this summer and serve the Lord together somewhere this fall. We have no preference as to the place, and are willing to serve anywhere."

I asked Rev. Mr. Glasse to make inquiry into the work of Mr. William Youngs. Here is Mr. Glasse's answer: "I have made inquiry about Mr. Youngs through the members of that congregation, Mrs. Peter Oswald and Mrs. Jane Crepley, and every report is highly pleasing as to his sincerity and ability and fitness. They speak very well of his work with the children and young people, including a boys' club that he organized, and the fact that he used an interpreter at times apparently pleased the older people as well. My personal contacts with him have been very satisfactory, in fact he

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preached for me two weeks ago; and I have recommended him to supply during part of my absence on vacation if he is available at that time."

More letters have come in re regarding the placement of layworkers in Unalakleet, Kake and Petersburg. Most of the members of the National Missionary Commission have expressed themselves. Bromley and Webster who have had most recent contact with Mr. George M. Harris and Kake think that Harris should be appointed to Kake, and Youngs seems to be qualified to serve at Petersburg. I believe that you should take some definite action as to those three fields so that the fields and the layworkers concerned may know how to plan.

The living quarters at Kake and Petersburg need your attention as those quarters are not a credit to the Presbyterian Church. The Kake Manse is badly run down. In fact the building needs to be remodeled or rebuilt. The house is almost impossible to heat. You will have to either rent a house for the layworker or make an investment of four to five hundred dollars in remodelling the building so that liveable quarters may be arranged in the church building. I suppose that you looked over the Petersburg church building, and you have seen how sadly it needs repair.

Rev. Mr. E. E. Bromley has written me a paragraph on his disappointment at not being appointed to the Ketchikan field. Mr. Bromley hopes that he may yet be considered. Will quote him: "We had a letter from Dr. King saying that he would appoint us to Ketchikan church but that he was afraid my hernia trouble would make it impossible for me to do the work with the rebuilding of the Saxman church. We were disappointed in his decision. Surely he will not expect the missionary to do any of the actual work of rebuilding the church ~~xxx~~ at Saxman, and I would have no trouble in overseeing and attending to any details that came up. We wanted to stay in Alaska until I reached the age of retirement. And we felt if we could get away from the hard work necessary to live in a place like Hoonah I would be able to do real service until that time comes. We are not asking for any favors. When ever I cannot do what is required I will quit my job. However we do feel that after so many years in out of the way places we might be considered for a field like Ketchikan where living conditions are more desirable. A new man can be found for Hoonah as well as for other fields. If you feel that you can endorse my request will you write Dr. King and give him our ideas. If we go to Ketchikan we would get our own car and would be able to get around and go to Saxman as often as required."

I felt that you should be acquainted with the feelings of this oldest missionary in the Presbytery.

Two questions have come up in connection with the selling of the Juneau Memorial Manse: (1) What does the Board set as a price (a) with present furniture (b) without the furnishings? (2) Should not the Board buy the Manse though it is up on the Hill for Princeton missionary and crew to live therein? The Board in the past has furnished quarters for the families of the boat crew.

Sincerely, Russell F. Anderson

Brangell, May 21, 1940

Reference to Gilson Young
and Kake report:

April 15 to May 15th

As I sign this report, must say that I know nothing more about Mr. Gilson Young and his work than is in the accompanying report. He has written no narrative and have seen no one from Kake to make inquiry.

Have heard that the Kake people appreciate Mr. George A. Eatis now that they have had a winter of Gilson Young.

Sincerely,

Russell H. ...

May 23, 1940

Rev. Mr. Russell F. Pederson
Box 275
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

Your letter of May 11th and your report of May 15th have been received during Dr. King's absence from the office at General Assembly. We shall be glad to bring them to his attention upon his return the early part of next week.

You also enclosed a draft dated May 14th for \$5.38, drawn to the order of the Board of Pensions but you made no mention of this fact in your letters. May we hear from you concerning this?

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. King

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Box 275
Wrangell
May 27, 1940

Dear Dr. King:

In your letter of the 14th you request my opinion of the suggested plan of Mr. Whiteside that two lay workers be placed on the Craig-Klawock field.

I believe that Craig and Klawock, communities but six miles apart, important fishing centers, can be better served by one qualified ordained minister than by two lay workers. Those fields with growing population have been sadly neglected the past several years, and now is the time for a minister with vision and evangelistic appeal to accomplish a real work.

Mr. Andrew Wanamaker, a lay worker, was on the Klawock field for a number of years; and during that period the field suffered. Mr. Wanamaker was on a salary of \$100 a month so that he could give full time. Klawock has a number of well educated men and women. Those people need a leader better educated than themselves. There is no sufficiently trained layman available to serve either Craig or Klawock.

Should you be contemplating simply holding the fields for the time being, a layman may hold meetings; but should you be expecting development of the field and training of the people, you must man the field with an able leader.

If you leave those two Presbyterian communities to lay leadership, the Roman Catholic Church will have a clear road to taking over our opportunity. During the period of neglect of the field, the Roman Catholics made severe inroad; and they are watching our step everywhere.

You inquire whether I have anyone to suggest for lay leadership in these places. There are some Indian Elders who might be willing to accept a steady salary during the eight months when there is no fishing.

One reason why I question Mr. William Youngs' appointment is that he has not been trained in a Presbyterian School that he may lead the people in Presbyterian doctrine and government. It has been reported to me that he had some good meetings with the assistance of several of the itinerant, so-called-ministers who have been visiting Alaska. They have taken a lot of pictures and are telling what they have done, and most of their preaching was done in churches long established.

The Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Salvation Army, 7th Day Adventists, and Pentecostal churches are schooling their congregations in Alaska to believe that their particular church is the church. The Presbyterians must be prepared to not only teach the Bible, but must carefully teach Church history and develop conviction that the Presbyterian Church is Scriptural and right.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

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Box 275
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May 27, 1940

Dr. Everett E. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

This afternoon we met the Armstrongs and the Crawfords. They seem to be very fine people, and we are thankful that they are being added to the Alaska force of missionaries. They should mean much to Yukon Presbytery.

They told me that a seminary student and wife came on the same boat for supply during the summer in Ketchikan. I was surprised that we had no information either that you were sending a student or that they were coming.

Some Metlakatla Indians told me that a student is coming to serve their church during Mr. Swigger's absence.

Do we have any responsibility in connection with the student workers or do they report direct to the Board?

It seems to me that the National Missions Committee should know who the workers are within the Presbytery.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

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Box 275
Wrangell
May 27th 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Herewith you will find the statement made out for Mrs. Mary Sawa in connection with the Office of Indian Affairs' rental of two rooms upstairs in the Petersburg Presbyterian Church which is owned by the Board of National Missions.

The last time I visited Petersburg Mrs Sawa was living in those rooms. She was keeping the rooms and the rest of the building in an orderly and clean condition.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

May 29, 1940

Rev. Mr. Russell F. Pederson
Box 275
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Pederson:

I think you will do well to plan to spend a whole year in the States. In order to maintain your pension it will be necessary for you to continue to draw the same amount of salary while you are on furlough. My suggestion, therefore, is that your church continue to send \$20 a month and the Board of National Missions will continue at the rate of \$111.25 a month. The supply for the church will have to be provided for in addition to this amount.

Enclosed you will find check for \$125 that is the purchase price of your piano. In order to keep our records straight I wish you would send me a statement certifying to the sale.

In regard to the Websters I think your suggestion has come too late. Mr. Webster is, or should be, in Seattle by this time. However, it may be that plans will develop later on and the supply arrangements can be worked out. We shall wait and see.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DH

Enclosure

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Box 275
Wrangell
May 31, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

This morning a committee of three Elders from the Kake Presbyterian Church came to see me and make known their desire concerning Mr. George R. Betts.

The Kake Church would like to have Mr. George R. Betts as their lay worker for an eight month period each year, October 1 to May 31. They claim that their field needs Mr. Betts more than another fields. They definitely stated that they do not want a white layworker on account of the necessity of interpreting to the older people. Kake is one of the few fields which actually needs to have an interpreted service, and these Elders state Mr. Betts does well with both English and Thlingit sermons.

They state that they will be faithful in raising ten dollars a month toward the salary of lay worker George R. Betts, and that with his leadership they will begin and carry through the basement construction in their church building.

It is my conviction that Mr. Betts should be appointed to Kake rather than Petersburg. I have not written Mr. Betts about your communication as to his going to Petersburg. I thought that should wait. Mr. Youngs can do the work at Petersburg and he is industrious enough to make a good job. Mr. Youngs wrote me that he is marrying as soon as he knows that he had an appointment. He added that his fiancée helped him much during the past winter in the Memorial Church.

The Kake Elders informed me that they had held back \$37 of the local salary instead of paying it to Mr. Gibson Young. They did this at the request of two stores in Kake, and divided the amount to apply on Gibson Young's accounts. They said that Gibson owes somewhere around a \$100 at Bell's and Kerberger's stores.

Gibson Young is a severe disappointment. He simply does not meet his obligations financially. He was at Hydaburg where he served previously.

Another point. Last fall he asked for panes of window glass for the manse at Kake. He wrote the most urgent letter, and I secured the glass at once for immediate delivery. The Elders tell me that he did not set in any of the glass. I suppose it is around the manse. Furthermore there is a real question as to the spiritual consecration of Gibson Young. It seems to me that he should not be considered for appointment on any of the fields.

The Elders of the Kake Mission requested me to give you the above information concerning Mr. Gibson Young. Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

June 12, 1940

AIRMAIL

Rev. Russell F. Pederson
Box 275
Wrangell, Alaska

ALASKA

Dear Mr. Pederson:

Upon my return from a field trip I found several letters from you, so I am throwing them all together and answering the accumulated mail in this one letter.

I am glad you met the Armstrongs and the Crawfords and thought well of them. I believe these people will make a real addition to the Yukon Presbytery. I am delighted with the prospects.

I am sorry you had any misgivings about the Seminary student we placed in Ketchikan. You are perfectly right in thinking that the National Missions Committee should know who are the workers within the Presbytery. You did not know because there was no time to furnish you the information. My judgement is that you draw your conclusions a little hastily and, as a result, you do not appreciate the other side of the story. Please know that we are not trying and shall not try to hide any facts from you. We ask you to practise the same amount of patience with us that we are trying to practise with you.

I am returning the contract and the statement relative to the room rented to Mrs. Sawa. I think it best for you to sign the contract and take care of the detail work. The rental will cover the insurance item that is now due and of course we can expect you to remit this promptly. I concur with your suggestion to add a 30 days removal notification to the contract.

Relative to the lay workers in Alaska I think it best for this subject to be carefully itemized, therefore, I am taking up the points one by one:

1) KLUKWAN

You have my premission to notify Mr. Wheeler that we will recognize the appointment of a lay worker in Klukwan and that we will provide, in addition, travel expense for him at the rate of \$100 per year.

2) PETERSBURG

I am definite in my conviction that Mr. George Betts should be the lay worker here. We have already discussed the matter with him and several

of the men had concurred in the thought that he would be the man for the place. If I am not mistaken, at an earlier date you also were willing for the appointment to be made. I am, therefore, asking you to join me in placing George Betts at Petersburg beginning October 1.

3) ANGOON

As has already been mentioned, Mr. Samuel Johnson is the lay worker we want commissioned in Angoon. This matter was discussed at Presbytery and a full agreement was reached. I do not see why any misgivings would be met here.

4) KAKE

From all the information I can get about Kake, I am of the opinion that this church needs an ordained man. I am, therefore, not willing to place a lay worker in Kake at this time.

5) CRAIG

Although you do not agree with the policy, I am still going to try to arrange for lay workers for Craig and Klawock. I am sure that the present set-up is not satisfactory and is not bringing the results it should bring. I am willing, and expect to commission Mr. Wannamaker for Craig.

6) KLANOCK

With the added information that has been received about Mr. Youngs in Juneau, I am perfectly willing to commission him as a lay worker in Klawock beginning October 1. He may make mistakes and may not be able to carry on as we want the work manned, but I believe he is our best choice.

We have made no appointment for Mr. Gibson Young. Like you say, we must wait until he clears up his obligations. I think he has some good traits and I do hope we can save the young man and his ministry. It might be a safe policy or way around to let him be without an appointment for this year.

In regard to the manse at Juneau I call your attention to my letter written April 23. In that letter I told you, and I am still of the opinion that it would be the wisest thing for this manse to be sold. I told you also to place it at a salable price and to let me know the figure at which you offered it. Although we do need accommodations for the boat missionary and crew, I can not feel that this property in Juneau would be the property to keep for that purpose. Please let me know what price you placed on the manse and what prospects you have for the sale.

I have noted what Mr. Bromley has said about being appointed to Ketchikan. I am still of the opinion that he is not the man for this field; however,

Mr. Pederson
6/12/40

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I am perfectly willing to respect his age and service. If you recommend the appointment, I shall notify Mr. and Mrs. Bromley that we shall expect them to take up the work in Ketchikan around September 15. I am placing this decision wholly in your hands and will be governed accordingly.

I still do not have the information from you regarding the time you expect to leave your church for the States. I do not have your plans for the time you are going to spend while here. Of course, part of your time will be given to the Board of National Missions in the interest of promoting the work in Alaska.

I sincerely trust that all questions have been covered in this letter. If you find we have overlooked something, please do not hesitate to write me.

Cordially yours,

EBK:DH

Attachment

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Box 275
Wrangell
June 14, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Thank you for your letter of May 29th.

In accordance with your communication we are now planning on spending a whole year in the States. We could not secure reservations on the steamer sailing August 2nd. We have made reservations to leave Wrangell July 30th, and the Wrangell Church hopes that you will arrange for the supply minister to be here to begin August 1st.

The Session has asked me to request of you definite information as to what you propose to do in the supply of leadership for this field, who will be appointed and when they'll arrive. We are having good attendance in both Church and Sunday School as well as in other organizations, and our people hope there will be no interruption of services. We are thankful that the persuasion being put to our people has not turned them away. The Assembly, the 7th Day Adventists, and Kunites are doing their utmost. The Episcopal, Salvation Army and Roman Catholics are going ahead with their work as usual.

The past week we had good response in the Vacation Bible School, and we are anticipating an even better attendance and interest next week. Four adults are assisting Mrs. Pederson and me with the classes.

We have no one who is able to carry the preaching services and take the full responsibility for the Sunday School. We must keep in mind that this is a mixed White and Indian Church, and the leader must be careful. Our two men Elders are away from town, and the women Elders are not physically able to do all they would like.

Enclosed you will find the statement certifying to the purchase of the piano. We are pleased that you were interested in making this addition to the Manse. Thank you.

The family is planning on remaining in Seattle while I go east to Grand Rapids or Detroit to purchase a good used car for our means of transportation during our time out.

Please write me your recommendations concerning my time of study. We have thought that we might have less expense in California than in the Middle West or East. We desire to go where the advantages are best. Will appreciate counsel from you as to both courses and place of study.

Am enclosing voucher for outgoing travel expense. We are appreciative of the fact that you are endeavoring to assist us to make the best use of our opportunity to serve.

Sincerely, *Russell F. Pederson*

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Box 275
Wrangell
June 14, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

This is to acknowledge receipt of check for
\$125.00 from the Board of National Missions as the
purchase price of a "Blasius & Sons Upright Piano
24 56271" which is in the Wrangell Presbyterian Manse.

Signed:

Russell F. Pederson

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Box 275
Wrangell
June 17th 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 12th.

According to your instruction I have notified Mr. Wheeler that you are recognizing the appointment of a lay worker in Klukwan and will provide \$100 travel expense for Mr. Wheeler for the year.

We are certain that all the Presbyters will rejoice that you are planning on placing an ordained missionary at Kake. Indeed that is the desire of both Kake and the Presbytery.

I feel certain that the members of the National Missions Committee are in accord with your plans for Angoon, and with placing Mr. Betts at Petersburg seeing you are placing an ordained missionary at Kake.

Perhaps I have lacked faith in connection with Mr. Wana-maker. My prayer will support him and you as the new plan for Craig and Klawock is put into effect.

On receipt of your letter dealing with the Juneau Manse, I wrote to Rev. John A. Glasse and requested his assistance with establishing a salable price. He referred to subject to the Shattuck Agency, and Mr. Shattuck wrote me, "It is difficult to set a price on a piece of property like this, for the reason that a considerable amount of money would have to be spent to modernize it, and make it available as an income producer. That is, it should be made up into 3 apartments, with the owner, perhaps, living in one and renting the other two, etc.....We expect to make some inquiries shortly, and if we succeed in interesting someone in it, we will correspond with you further." Up to this date, I have heard nothing more from Mr. Shattuck.

I have had a direct inquiry from Mr. and Mrs. William Paul who wish to purchase a large house for a home. Mr. Paul is endeavoring to make finance plans so that he may make an offer. Mrs. Paul told me that she would not think of more than \$6,000 for the property, and she hoped the Board would be willing to sell for somewhere near \$5,000.

Our Vacation Bible School is over this coming Friday. It seems to me that this business calls for a trip to Juneau. Unless I hear more from Mr. Shattuck or you before next Monday, I will try to go to Juneau to tend to this sale.

You have word concerning our plans in the letter of the 14th. I had written nothing more than our desire to leave about August 1st because we did not know your wishes in connection with our going out to the States. Now we are expecting to sail south on

July 30th. We hope to spend the month of August and a few days in September in visiting friends and relatives in Washington and California. As to the place of study, we have made no final decision. We are waiting for advice from you and other friends. Of course we'll expect to be available for Promotional work for the Board of National Missions and Alaska.

I have written neither the men nor the fields discussed in your letter of the 17th because I believed you would rather do this in connection with your commissioning of the men.

We are with you in prayer and zealously for the advancement of the Kingdom in Alaska.

Sincerely,



P.S.

One of our church members just called, and in the conversation urged me to call to your attention the fact that an empty manse invites destruction. Some homes have been entered and robbed, and valuable property demolished. The officers of the law have not been able to catch those law breakers, and people are more or less guarding their property.

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Box 275
Wrangell, Alaska
June 17, 1940

Dear Dr. King: MONTHLY NARRATIVE -- Wrangell

Wrangell has had a busy month. Our church members have taken an important part in all the activities.

For nine years I have been working with the Boy Scouts. We had our ^{first} Annual Encampment ^{May 22 to 25} at Anita Bay which is a beautiful spot about 14 miles from town. Elder R. H. Nichols who has been serving as Scoutmaster directed the troop, and I accompanied the party. We had a happy time with opportunity for fishing, swimming and some real camp setup. It is hoped that this development will mean the beginning of Annual Encampments for Wrangell Scouts.

June 3rd and 4th, Wrangell sponsored a Potlatch in which one of the older Indians was elevated to the position of Chief. The Forestry Service and Wrangell people assisted the Indians with acting out a number of the old Indian ceremonials. The old life was presented in an interesting manner, but it did not appear to me to be a beneficial revival. We did our best to bring the visiting Indians to worship on June 2nd; and during the days of the Potlatch, Mrs. Pederson and I did much visiting with the hope that our presence might strengthen some of the people to resist the temptations.

As soon as the Potlatch was over, we started with our Vacation Bible School. We are pleased with the interest manifested by the children and the adults who are assisting. Some of the older children have confessed Christ as their Saviour. We are finding them eager to commit to memory the selected passages of Scripture. More white children are attending than usual. We have another week of this program.

The supplementary church pews for which our people had worked for a long while have been ordered, and we expect them to arrive on the first steamer. Our church people have continued to work to furnish their church without assistance from the Board of National Missions. They are raising the cash before the orders are forwarded.

This morning I arose at 2:30 a.m. to meet the steamer SS Alaska on which Mr. and Mrs. Walter Soboleff came north. Mr. Soboleff looks well and seems eager to enter on his first field ministry. Our prayer is that Mrs. Soboleff may gain her health so that she may take part of the pastoral life with him. He said she would have to be in the hospital for a while, and at the present time would not be active. He has a field with real opportunities which can mean a busy life for both the minister and his wife.

Yesterday I had the privilege of leading a young man ^{from Oklahoma} to accept Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. He told me that he was writing home to tell his mother of his new faith and hope.

Sincerely, Russell F. Pederson

We are observing children's day, June 23rd.

June 20, 1940

AIRMAIL

Rev. Mr. Russell F. Pederson
Box 275
Wrangell, Alaska

Dear Mr. Pederson:

Enclosed you will find a check for \$200 to cover your family furlough transportation expenses. You will please send me an itemized statement of these expenses for our files.

I do not as yet have any definite plan to submit in regard to the supply for your field during your absence. I am working on this and am hopeful I can have a definite suggestion soon.

I believe you will act wisely in staying in California and attending your school. My recommendation is that you take as much Bible study as possible. I do not know of any substitute for the Bible work.

I am notifying the Promotional Department that you will be here during the twelve month's period beginning August 1. Of course, the Board will expect you to give at least half of your time to promotional work.

I sincerely trust you will have a pleasant voyage through the States and that you will meet with great satisfaction.

Cordially yours,

LEK:DH

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Box 275
Wrangell
June 24, 1940

Dear Dr. King:

Arrived in Juneau this morning, and found Mr. and Mrs. Soboleff happy in their work.

Walter tells me that he is financially short and would like to have whatever amount of salary is due him in the month of June. Signed blank voucher herewith.

He left Dubuque June 7th and arrived in Juneau the 18th, and has begun work.

Mr. William Youngs is with Mr. and Mrs. Soboleff and has been assisting them. Mr. Youngs expects to sail south tomorrow.

Mr. Youngs wanted to know definitely what you have in mind concerning his employment. I told him that I believe you expect to appoint him to the Klawock field.

You can reach Mr. Youngs by addressing him at 803 First Ave., Seattle, Washington.

I am thankful that I came up to Juneau for we have been able to expedite matters for the Soboleff's.

Mr. Allan Shattuck, Mr. Lester Troast and others have gone over the subject of the salable price of the Manse, and we have agreed that the price should be set at \$5,500.00 with the possibility that \$5,000 might be accepted upon communication with you. Conditions in Juneau do not warrant holding the property any longer than necessary.

The one prospect I had and mentioned in my previous letter is not able to secure the necessary 50% cash with which to deal through the bank. They may make a proposition at an early date. Mr. Shattuck has some people interested and hopes to have an offer soon.

I am leaving for Wrangell Wednesday morning via Sitka. Mr. Yaw has requested that I try to see him, and after conference with him I will write you our recommendation concerning Mr. Bromley and Ketchikan.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson

*Paid
1/2 June salary
6/28/40*

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Box 275
Wrangell
June 25, 1940

Dr. Everett B. King
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave., New York

Dear Dr. King:

Mr. Soboleff requested me to assist him with getting started in his ministry with the S. Hall Young Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Soboleff have been studying the subject of Manse. Since they could not find a suitable furnished house near the Church, they temporarily are occupying the social room kitchen and some class rooms of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Soboleff and I believe that the unfinished second story over the social room of the church can be finished and adequately furnished at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00, and we believe these quarters would be most convenient, helpful and economical both to the Board and to the missionary.

The Soboleff's are willing to get along in these temporary quarters for the time being, and he is able and willing to do considerable of the carpenter work in finishing the proposed apartment upstairs. At this time of the year so many of the church members are away from town at distant camps that Mr. Soboleff has available time to do this work.

We believe that the most economical and practical plan would be for you to authorize the expenditure of the amount you can secure for these quarters, and place a third of the sum in hands of the Soboleff's so they can take cash discounts for the Board. Then place the project under the supervision of Mr. Soboleff. He can buy the materials, hire the plumber and carpenter, and thus avoid percentages and commissions which are included in contracts.

Furnishings needed immediately are:

Two twin beds	\$11.95
Sink with fittings	18.35
Bath room set	75.
Medicine cabinet	3.98
Electric Stove	115.
Oil heater	40.
Ironing Board to be built in	10.
Linoleum	30.

*No further work from Wagners
to Russell name*

Mr. and Mrs. Soboleff have found just what they want in the Montgomery Ward catalogue at the above prices, and the 10% discount which Montgomery Ward will allow on things purchases for missionary work will about cover the freight. They asked me to particularly include this item on desiring to purchase from Montgomery Ward.

Furnishings which could come up on the New Princeton and save freight expense between Seattle and Juneau are:

Chest and dresser	\$10.95
Kitchen set	9.95
Davenport set	56.95
Dining room set	49.95

Please let them know the possibilities as soon as possible.

Sincerely, Russell F. Pederson

Dear Mr. Pederson;

Am glad you placed the name
on the market - It seems to me you have a
priced reasonably and that it should sell -

The plan to provide living
quarters in the Church for the Soboleff's sounds
good - However, nothing can be done about this until
after Board meeting in Oct. Please send a
carefully prepared estimate of cost - labor, material, etc
and I shall present the plan to the Board -

As to the requests for immediate
furnishings am sorry to say that as presents the
Alaskan Budget is in the red over \$700.00
Therefore I can not issue any more checks - my
suggestion is that the needed furnishings be
purchased and you or Soboleff make a note
for the amount - after the Board meeting in
October the amount will be refunded - This
is the best we can do now -

Cordially,

Copy of this letter to Soboleff -

JUNEAU ALASKA
JUNE 28, 1940

Rev. Russell Pederson,
Wrangell, Alaska.

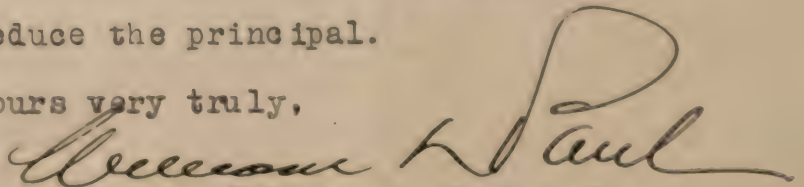
Dear Mr. Pederson;--

We propose that the Presbyterian Church rent what is called the "Waggoner House" at Juneau, Alaska, to us on the following terms--

- 1) that we pay a monthly rental of forty dollars per month;
- 2) that the duration of this contract be two years;
- 3) that at any time during this period, this contract shall be one of purchase by the payment of a down payment of not less than one thousand dollars, and that the balance shall be payable at the rate of not less than fifty dollars per month of which amount one-twelfth of an annual interest at the rate of 6% shall first be deducted, the balance to be applied to the principal. DUE namely \$4,500.00.

In other words, by making a down payment of \$1000.00 this contract becomes one of purchase conditioned that the unpaid balance/shall draw interest at 6% and that from each monthly payment of \$50. interest shall first be deducted and the balance applied to reduce the principal.

Yours very truly,



William L. Paul and
(Mrs.) Frances L. Paul

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Box 275
Wrangell
June 28, 1940

STATED CLERK

REV. ALFRED D. SWIGGER
METLAKATLA, ALASKA

Dear Dr. King:

Herewith is the sketch of the apartment which was not placed in the other airmail letter.

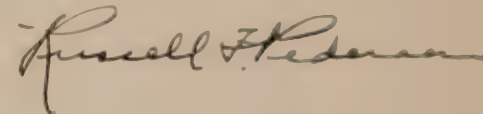
After conversation with Mr. Yaw, I am convinced that you would do well to correspond with him before you finally appoint Mr. Andrew Wanamaker to the Craig field. Mr. Yaw feels as I do that there is a real question as to whether Mr. Wanamaker should be appointed again as a lay worker. He should not be appointed to Craig unless the Craig congregation definitely registers a desire for his services, and that should be certain.

Mr. Yaw and I believe that a layman at either Craig or Klawock, and then an ordained missionary at the other field is much to be preferred over two lay workers.

The question has been asked as to whether the village of Klawock has been won over to the idea that they be served by a lay worker. There are young people in the village who are better educated than any of our lay workers.

Am certain that you and Mr. Yaw will get along nicely with the adjustments.

Sincerely,



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STATED CLERK
Box 275
Wrangell
June 28, 1940

Dear Dr. King:

Reached Wrangell this morning following the trip to Juneau and return by the way of Sitka.

A number of people told me that they felt that the Board would be fortunate to receive \$5,000 cash for the Manse in Juneau on account of the unsettled conditions and the need of repairs to the house.

Mr. Soboleff requested permission to take the things left in the Manse down to the church. I told him to go ahead because Mr. Shattuck, the real estate dealer, told us that those things were of no value and would be considered junk by any buyer. My suggestion is that Mr. Soboleff be permitted to use what he can, and then sell the rest at a rummage sale.

The enclosed sketch will give you an idea as to what Mr. Troast considers would be a good plan for the apartment for the Soboleff's, and Mr. Soboleff approved this. Mr. Yaw looked this over carefully and said that for himself that he would not care to live above the church, but that he was willing to approve the plan since Soboleff's thought it would be most economical and satisfactory. Mr. Bromley thought this would meet the need and would be convenient while there is a community center program.

Mr. Yaw and I went over several matters in connection with the National Missions Committee work. I delivered the National Missions Chairman typewriter to him and will soon turn over all papers so that he will have everything. Will have at least two hours with him July 16th.

Mr. Yaw and I believe that we would best abide by your conviction that the Bromleys are not the people to accomplish the program of work you wish at Ketchikan. We think that they will be willing to continue on at Hoonah. We know of no other place where the living conditions would be easier. The Elders of the Wrangell Church are positive in not wanting Bromley as the supply in Wrangell.

Mr. Yaw told me that he had heard that there is danger that you may wish to send Rev. Daniel Kaiper back to Alaska. If you will look up past correspondence, you will find that Alaska Presbytery has been firmly convinced that Kaipers are better out of Alaska. Do not consider them for any field in Alaska. We had the large part of two years experience with them, and we are certain they are not fitted for missionary work in Alaska. The Presbyterian Church reputation for good judgment is at stake, and they must not be considered.

June 28/40

Rev. Verne J. Swanson wrote recently: "Would you sound out the Committee on permission for me to take leave of absence (with out pay) during month of Aug. in case I decide to go fishing? As you probably already know Dr. King says O.K. if the Committee Okays it."

You have written me nothing about this matter, but on Mr. Swanson's request I have attempted to contact the Committee members. Have heard nothing from Mr. Bromley, Webster or Swogger because they have not had time to reply. I talked this over with Mr. Yaw and two other Elders. Mr. Yaw agrees with the statement of one of the Elders that the above is not "ethical." The feeling is that it is not right for a missionary drawing a liveable salary, surely adequate for two when it is adequate for families with children, to go fishing in order to increase his wage. He seems to be willing to give up \$127.08 in order to secure a possible several hundred dollars. But that is not all. The feeling is that he should be giving his heart and soul to his Christian ministry. The Committee members contacted so far do not Okay the proposition.

A donation of 1400 feet of ship lap for sub-flooring the second floor of the Soboleff apartment was made by the Juneau lumber mills through Mr. Troast. They hope to sell Mr. Soboleff some of the other building materials in case the apartment is finished. We advised Mr. Soboleff to accept the donation because the sub-floor should be put in whether or not the partment is completed. That floor will save the ceiling plaster of the church social room.

Enclosed you will find expense voucher for \$26^{paid 7/3/40} for the boat fare for this trip in connection with this National Missions task. I have paid out of my own pocket the expenses during the two days spent in Juneau. Took along my air mattress and a blanket and slept on two church pews so as to save two nights hotel room bill.

My hope is that the above meets with your approval.

Sincerely,

Russell F. Pederson
Russell F Pederson

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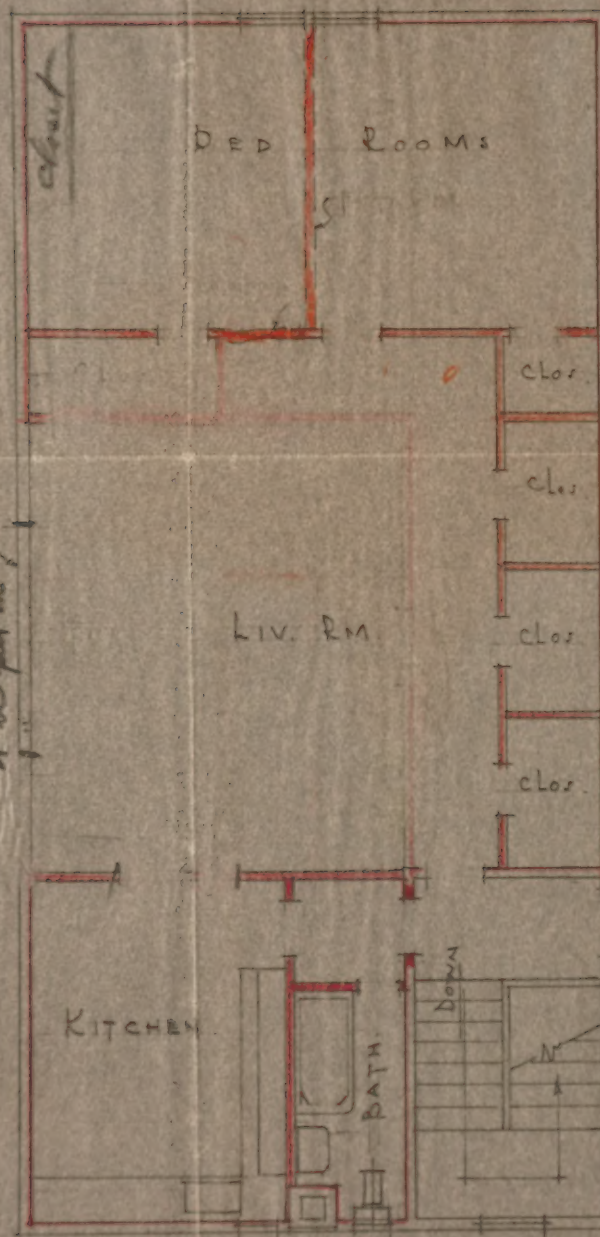
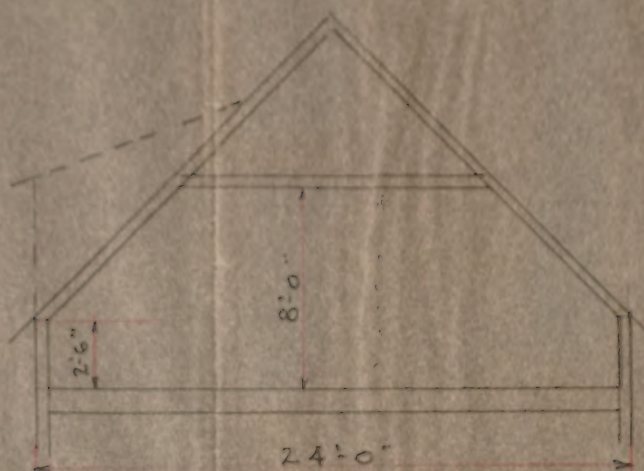
I am at loss to know how the report started about Kaiper - I have had no word from him and have certainly not written to him - Please clear your mind - there is no thought of sending him back to Alaska -

As I said in my other ~~or~~ letter it will be necessary to secure Board action for the work in Juneau - I have so written Soboleff -

If we can realize \$5,000 from the Juneau manse - I think it will be a good trade - you accept offers and submit them for approval by our building Committee -

Am glad you see Bromley as I do - He is a wonderful man - a great soul and a true Christian but he would not fit into Ketchikan -

Cordially,



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JUNE 25, 1940.